



MSF's Committee of Supply 2020



MSF MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Building a Society of Opportunities Together

Together with our stakeholders and community partners, we continue to transform our social safety net to provide more comprehensive, convenient and coordinated help to individuals & families. This will better enable every Singaporean to seize opportunities and overcome setbacks, at every stage of their lives.

Giving Every Child and Youth A Good Start in Life

- Higher subsidies and more qualifying families for student-care services (from Jul 2020)
- ~9,000 children will benefit** from up to \$60 more subsidies each month or qualify for subsidies with the expanded household income criteria from \$4000 to \$4500 (Student Care Fee Assistance)
- More affordable after-school care for children with special needs (from Jul 2020)
- ~\$2M/year (↑ from \$1.2M)** to improve funding & subsidy support for students of Special Student Care Centres
- 30% - 80% lower out-of-pocket fees** for most income groups
- Partnering the community to support our youths
- New Youth Mental Well-being Network** across public, people & private sectors to help improve the mental well-being of young Singaporeans. Join us at go.gov.sg/youthmentalwellbeing

Strengthening and Supporting Families

- New online portal to support couples & improve child outcomes
- Divorcing couples can make better-informed decisions with more resources and an **enhanced Mandatory Parenting Programme**
- Couples considering divorce can get support more easily with a **2-year online counselling pilot**

Supporting Persons with Disabilities

- SG Enable as single touchpoint for disability services (from Oct 2020)
- Enabling Guide** (<https://www.enablingguide.sg>) to better support access to schemes and services for **Persons with Disabilities & caregivers** across life stages and needs

Strengthening Social Service Capabilities and Delivery

- Up to \$480M to support capability & capacity building of social service agencies (SSAs)
- New Community Capability Trust (CCT)** to develop stronger SSAs to better serve clients
- Initial \$200M by Government & Tote Board; \$30M by ComChest
- Donations to CCT will be **matched by Government & Tote Board**
 - 2:1 (FY2020 - FY2024)
 - 1:1 (FY2025 - FY2029)
- More comprehensive, convenient and coordinated support for clients
- Frontline officers help clients by making faster, more comprehensive assessments and referrals across multiple agencies through **significant system enhancements**, that will be implemented progressively

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Faces of MSFCares

New Community Capability Trust (CCT)



Dr Vincent Ng and clients from COMNET Senior Activity Centre, a service of AMKFSC Community Services Ltd, at an event at the National Museum

“The CCT is an excellent initiative to enable organisations like AMKFSC Community Services Ltd to build necessary, innovative and timely capabilities and infrastructure to support our frontline services effectively. We look forward to tapping on this fund, and to work with our partners to build a stronger service sector.”

Dr Vincent Ng,
Chief Executive
Officer of AMKFSC
Community
Services Ltd



More support for student care services

“Nurlaila was 9 years old when our mother passed away in December 2018. My brother and I have been caring for her since. As both of us have to go to work, we are thankful that PPIS Student Care Centre (Bedok) has been providing Nurlaila with the necessary after-school care.

MSF has also been providing us with student care subsidies under the Student Care Fee Assistance (SCFA) scheme. The subsidies help us financially, and also give us peace of mind.”



Nurlaila with her brothers, Mohammad Noor and Amirul Firdaus



Caregivers to sister Nurlaila Aaqilah Binte Mohammad Ismail, Mohammad Noor Saiful Bin Mohammad Sari (Freelance Events Manager) and Amirul Firdaus Bin Mohammad Sari (SCDF paramedic)

New Youth Mental Well-being Network



Eugene (first row, fourth from the left) and his fellow SMU Peer Helpers

SMU Peer Helpers is a student body made up of caring undergraduates, who are passionate about supporting their peers who may be struggling with mental health issues.

The group works closely with professional counsellors from Mrs Wong Kwok Leong Student Wellness Centre in SMU to improve the well-being of the student community.

“I responded to the open call as I would like to play a part in providing better mental health support for youths in Singapore. Peer support is essential for young persons going through difficult times. They need to know that there are people out there who care and want to walk the journey with them. The response to the open call was very encouraging to me, as an SMU Peer Helper, as it showed me that there were many out there who also wanted to help keep a look out for youths around us and to spread the message ‘You are not alone’.”

Eugene Choy Wen Jia
Year 4 SMU undergraduate and Peer Helper



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