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SOCIAL MEASURES



FROM 2019 TO 2021

To enable Singaporeans to emerge stronger from COVID-19, the Government continues to invest in areas that bring growth and opportunity to all Singaporeans and mobilise community giving, while providing targeted support to the needy and vulnerable among us.

Through measures announced in the Budgets over the past three years, we have been strengthening our social compact to build a fair, just, and caring society.

1. EDUCATION

 MOE Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) and Higher Education Bursaries (from 2020)



Higher meal and transport subsidies for students under MOE FAS and higher bursaries for ITE, polytechnics, pre-university and autonomous universities students

2. HEALTHCARE

Top-ups to Eldercare Fund, ComCare Fund, and MediFund (from 2020)
 \$1.45 billion top-up

Enhance support for existing schemes supporting lower-income households

• Enhanced Community Health Assist Scheme (CHAS) (from 2019)

Extend CHAS to all Singaporeans with chronic conditions; extend subsidies for common illnesses to citizens with CHAS Orange card; and increase subsidies for complex chronic conditions

3. SOCIAL TRANSFERS

• Household Support Package (for 2021)

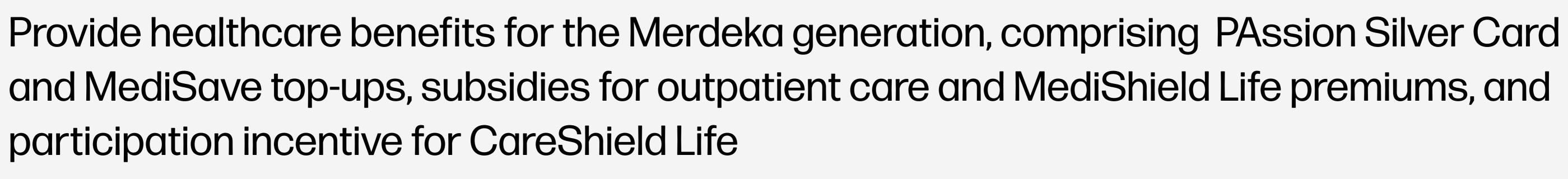
\$900 million set aside

Provide additional support to households, especially for lower- to middle-income families—this includes: GST Vouchers (GSTV) — Cash Special; GSTV — U-Save Special Payment; Service and Conservancy Charges Rebate; top-ups to Child Development Account (CDA), Edusave Account, and Post-Secondary Education Account; and CDC Vouchers Scheme



4. SUPPORT FOR SENIORS

• Merdeka Generation Package (from 2019)





• Long-Term Care Support Fund (from 2019)

E.g. ElderFund, CareShield Life premium subsidies and participation incentives











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5. SUPPORT FOR WORKERS

- Senior Worker Early Adopter and Part-Time Re-employment Grant (2021 to 2023)
 Over \$200 million additional budget allocation for both grants, to support more companies and senior workers
- Senior Worker Support Package (2020 to 2022)
 Help companies retain senior workers through the Senior Employment Credit, CPF
 Transition Offset, Senior Worker Early Adopter and Part-time Re-employment Grant



COVID-19 Support for Workers (2021 to 2022)
 Cash payouts to support workers whose livelihoods have been significantly affected, and target financial support at taxi and private hire car drivers who have been adversely affected



6. SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY

- Donations to Institutions of a Public Character (IPCs) (2021 to 2023) 250% tax deductions for donations to IPCs extended for two years till 31 Dec 2023
- Support for Deepening and Strengthening Partnerships (from 2020) \$250 million set aside

Support more ground-up initiatives across a wider range of domains, and expand and scale partnerships on issues that Singaporeans are passionate about



7. SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Baby Support Grant (2020 to 2022)
 Help parents with child-raising costs through a \$3,000 cash payout for parents of Singapore Citizen babies born between 1 Oct 2020 and 30 Sep 2022



More Financial Support for Parents (from 2021)
 Maximum Government co-matching cap in the CDA doubled from \$3,000 to \$6,000 for the second child, and cash benefit for parents who are ineligible for parternity or adoption leave due to employment arrangements







