

# OUR RESILIENCE BUDGET



#### COMBATING COVID-19

Since Budget 2020, **COVID-19** has accelerated into a **global pandemic**. The global economy has been hit and we are affected.

To meet these challenging times, we have a

#### \$48 BILLION RESILIENCE BUDGET

to support Singaporeans and businesses and

#### EMERGE STRONGER





## RESILIENT AND DETERMINED

Our Resilience Budget is geared to:



**Support** our workers and livelihoods



Stabilise our economy and businesses



Build resilience in our society



Deploy
our strategic asset

WE WILL WEATHER THIS STORM TOGETHER





#### SAVING JOBS, SUPPORTING WAGES

#### Enhanced Jobs Support Scheme (JSS)

- Government will help employers by paying
   25% on the first \$4,600 of monthly salaries,
   up from 8% on the first \$3,600 previously
- JSS will be for 9 months till end-2020, up from 3 months previously

JSS will support 1.9m local employees

#### **Enhanced Wage Credit Scheme (WCS)**

 Additional \$500m for employees' wage increases, on top of \$600m disbursed in March 2020¹

<sup>1</sup> WCS was enhanced in Budget 2020. The March 2020 payout was based on Budget 2019 parameters. A further WCS payout in June 2020 will comprise additional wage credits arising from Budget 2020 enhancements.





#### HELPING SELF-EMPLOYED PERSONS (SEPs)

#### SEP Income Relief Scheme (SIRS)

Eligible Singaporean SEPs will receive \$1,000 a month for
 9 months

#### SEP Training Support Scheme

- Extended till end-2020 and set aside \$48m for the scheme
- Enhanced training allowance rate of \$10 per hour
- Sustained support for 200,000 eligible SEPs to make use of downtime to train and upskill





#### CREATING JOB OPPORTUNITIES

#### SGUnited Traineeships

- Co-fund wage costs of companies offering traineeships to first-time jobseekers
- Support up to 8,000 traineeships in 2020 across both large and small enterprises

#### SGUnited Jobs Initiative

• Initiative to create about 10,000 jobs over the next one year





#### HELPING WORKERS WITH LESS MEANS

#### COVID-19 Support Grant

- Cash grant of \$800 a month for 3 months for lower- and middle-income Singaporeans who lose their jobs due to COVID-19
- Grant will tide them over while they find new jobs or go for training
- Those who need immediate assistance in April 2020 can apply for the Temporary Relief Fund

#### Enhanced Workfare Special Payment

Cash payment of \$3,000 for Singaporeans who received
 Workfare payments in 2019<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Original payout was an additional 20% of Workfare payments based on work done in 2019, with a minimum payment of \$100





### SUPPORTING HOUSEHOLDS



## ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR HOUSEHOLDS

#### HELPING FAMILIES WITH DAILY EXPENSES

#### Care & Support — Cash & PAssion Card Top-up

- Enhanced cash payout for all Singaporeans aged 21 and above in 2020 of \$300, \$600, or \$900<sup>1</sup>
- Additional cash payout for each Singaporean parent with at least 1 Singaporean child aged 20 and below in 2020 tripled from \$100 to \$300
- All Singaporeans aged 50 and above in 2020 will receive their \$100 PAssion Card Top-up in cash

<sup>1</sup>Original cash payout announced was \$100, \$200, or \$300.





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#### HELPING NEEDY SINGAPOREANS

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#### Enhanced Grocery Vouchers

- **Triple** current voucher in 2020 to \$300 for Singaporeans aged 21 and above living in 1- or 2-room HDB flats
- \$100 Grocery Voucher for 2021





## ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR HOUSEHOLDS

#### GREATER FLEXIBILITY ON FEES & LOANS

#### Freeze All Government Fees & Charges

• Freeze all government fees and charges for 1 year, from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

#### Student Loan Relief

• 1-year suspension of loan repayments and interest charges for Government loan schemes

#### Suspend Late Mortgage Payment Charges

 All late payment charges on HDB mortgage arrears will be suspended for 3 months





#### STRENGTHENING SUPPORT NETWORKS

#### MORE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY

#### More Community Help for Vulnerable Households

- Self-Help Groups to receive grants of \$20m over two years to enhance support for the community
- Community Development Councils to receive \$75m to address local needs

#### NTUC Care Fund (COVID-19)

- \$25m in joint funding from NTUC, unions, and the Government to help workers and SEPs
- One-off relief of up to \$300 to low- to middle-income union members







#### HELPING WITH CASH FLOW & COSTS

#### Deferment of Income Tax Payments

- Automatically defer income tax payments for 3 months, for companies and self-employed persons (SEPs)
  - Companies: deferment of payments due in April to June 2020
  - SEPs: deferment for payments due in May to July 2020

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#### **Enhanced Property Tax Rebate for 2020**

- 100% rebate for qualifying commercial properties<sup>1</sup>
- 60% rebate for the Integrated Resorts
- 30% rebate for other non-residential properties

<sup>1</sup>Includes hotels, serviced apartments, tourist attractions, shops, and restaurants.

#### Enhanced Rental Waivers

- 3 months' rental waiver for hawkers
- Up to 2 months' rental waiver for commercial and other non-residential tenants in government properties





#### HELPING WITH CREDIT

#### Enterprise Financing Scheme (EFS)

- Maximum loan quantum of EFS-Trade Loan increased from \$5m to \$10m Government's risk-share raised to 80%
- Maximum loan quantum of EFS-SME Working Capital Loan increased from \$0.6m to \$1m

#### Loan Insurance Scheme

Subsidy for loan insurance premium raised to 80%

#### Temporary Bridging Loan Programme

 Expanded to cover all sectors and maximum supported loan raised from \$1m to \$5m





#### SECTOR-BASED SUPPORT

#### **Aviation Sector**

- Enhanced Jobs Support Scheme for airlines, airport ground handlers, and airport operator with 75% wage offset, up to monthly wage cap of \$4,600
- \$350m to provide cost relief for the sector and maintain a minimum level of connectivity

#### Tourism Sector

- Enhanced Jobs Support Scheme for hotels, travel agents, tourist attractions, cruise operators, and MICE venue operators with 75% wage offset, up to monthly wage cap of \$4,600
- \$90m for tourism recovery





#### SECTOR-BASED SUPPORT

#### Land Transport Sector

- Enhanced Point-to-Point Support Package
  - Special Relief Fund payments of \$300 per vehicle per month extended till September 2020
- Private Bus Owners
  - 1-year road tax rebate and 6-month waiver of parking charges at government-owned parking facilities





#### SECTOR-BASED SUPPORT

#### Arts & Culture Sector

\$55m support package to:

- Provide additional support to major companies and leading arts groups
- Enhance the National Arts Council (NAC)'s Capability
   Development Scheme for the Arts, to deepen skills and support professional development
- Step up digitalisation efforts





## BUILDING RESILIENCE



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#### STRENGTHENING FOOD SECURITY

#### A Robust, Multi-pronged Strategy

- Build up national stockpile of essential health supplies
- Combination of local production, stockpiling, and diversification of import sources
- Increase buffer stocks of essential food commodities
- "30 by 30" vision to grow enough food in Singapore to meet 30% of our nutritional needs by 2030





#### BUILDING RESILIENCE

#### DEEPENING CAPABILITIES

#### **Enhanced Support for Enterprises**

- SMEs Go Digital enhanced to include more digital solutions for business continuity
- Up to 90% and 80% support under Enterprise Development Grant (EDG) and Productivity Solutions Grant (PSG), respectively

#### **Enhanced Training Support**

- Higher course fee subsidies of 90% and up to \$10 hourly absentee payroll
- Extended to companies in Land Transport, and Arts and Culture sectors





#### BUILDING RESILIENCE

#### KEEPING OUR SOCIETY GOING

#### Broader Range of Safe Distancing Measures

 Help for employers and households implementing mandatory public health measures

#### Stepping Up Good Public Hygiene

- Boost SG Clean campaign to encourage higher levels of personal and public hygiene
- Co-funding for businesses undertaking professional cleaning of premises with a confirmed COVID-19 case





# DEPLOY OUR STRATEGIC ASSET



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#### THE TWO-KEY SYSTEM

#### The Elected President & Our Past Reserves

- Our reserves are our strategic asset. They serve as our bulwark against extraordinary shocks and crises
- The Elected President is the custodian of our Past Reserves
  - In the Global Financial Crisis of 2008/9, President S.R. Nathan approved a draw of \$4.9b for the first time
- The COVID-19 pandemic is a crisis of exceptional nature
  - the kind for which we have accumulated Past Reserves





## DEPLOY OUR STRATEGIC ASSET

#### OUR BULWARK AGAINST CRISES

#### Funding Extraordinary Measures for COVID-19

- The President has given in-principle support to draw on Past Reserves to combat COVID-19
  - Job Support Scheme, Self-Employed Person Income Relief Scheme, Temporary Bridging Loan Programme, Enterprise Financing Scheme, Aviation Support Package
- If needed, the Government is **prepared** to ask the President for a **further draw** on Past Reserves

## BECAUSE WE HAVE PREPARED WELL WE HAVE THE RESOURCES TO MEET THIS CRISIS WITH CONFIDENCE



