

FACTSHEET

MSF's Committee of Supply 2025:

"Empowering Families to Achieve Their Aspirations and Realise Their Potential"

MSF will continually strive to make Singapore a place for all families to thrive, and remain a place with opportunities for all.

MSF has done this by shifting the way lower-income families are supported, from assistance to empowerment, and also making Singapore a more caring and inclusive place for persons with disabilities.

Beyond the moves made in the past few years, MSF will also:

- I. Bolster support for lower-income families through enhancing ComCare and ComLink+
- II. Reimagine the family services landscape
- III. Strengthen support for persons with disabilities to engage in employment, lifelong learning, and also live and participate in the community.

I. Bolstering support for lower-income families

Enhancements to ComCare Short-to-Medium Term Assistance (SMTA) and Long-Term Assistance (LTA) rates

- The Government will enhance the assistance rates for ComCare SMTA and LTA to help lower-income families better meet their basic needs. For example, a one-person household receiving LTA will receive an increase of \$120 in assistance, close to 20% more than the previous amount.
- The increased assistance is sized to give ComCare recipients some flexibility buffer for additional essential items that they may need, such as social activities and minor exigencies.
- The actual amount of assistance will differ based on the household's composition, needs, and income.

Integrating Health and Housing Support with ComLink+

- MSF and MOH will be trialing a new model of support to address the health needs of ComLink+ families later this year.
 - Family coaches will support families in pursuing a healthier lifestyle, based on their needs and circumstances. This includes preventive health steps such as adopting a healthier diet, regular exercise, and attending recommended health screenings.
 - Staff from the healthcare clusters will work closely with family coaches . For example, they may work with medical social workers to coordinate financial support matters for the family.
 - These healthcare staff and family coaches will support families with more complex health needs in developing and adhering to a customised health action plan. This plan will outline health needs that families should prioritise, steps to take, and healthcare services to access.
 - *[Example] If an individual is struggling with poorly managed chronic asthma, he or she would be reminded to take their prescribed medication, attend scheduled tests and consultations with a respiratory specialist or a primary care physician, and adjust their lifestyle and home environment (e.g., helping family members quit smoking and keeping the home clean and free of potential allergens that might trigger asthmatic conditions).*
- MSF will also partner HDB to provide ComLink+ families with home ownership planning and guidance, to help them achieve their aspiration to own a home.
 - When families enter public rental housing, HDB officers will help them to work out the income and savings they need to own their desired home.
 - HDB officers will share this goal with family coaches, who will then work with the family on an action plan to achieve it. When families are ready, HDB officers will support them in navigating the flat purchase process.
 - This support ensures that families have a clear and achievable path towards home ownership.

- This process complements MND's enhancement to the Fresh Start Housing Scheme, which make housing more affordable for families in public rental housing.
 - Eligible First-Timer ComLink+ families in public rental will be able to buy new flats on shorter-leases, alongside their Second-Timer counterparts.
 - The Fresh Start Housing Grant for eligible Second-Timers will also be increased from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

II. Reimagining the family services landscape

- Today, multiple SSAs provide different family services, ranging from Family Service Centres to Protection Specialist Services. Families may receive support from multiple programmes. This results in gaps when there is no proper coordination of services .
- The Family Services Review Committee, co-chaired by SPS Eric Chua and Professor Tan Tai Yong, was convened in June 2024. Since then, the Review Committee has been working with the sector to develop a vision for coordinated and family-centric care to deliver better outcomes for families.
 - 50 representatives from 28 Social Service Agencies and associations are involved in the Committee and Working Groups. Thus far, the Review Committee has engaged over 200 social service professionals to incorporate their views.
- The Review Committee will continue to consult and co-create recommendations with the sector.

III. Empowering persons with disabilities and their families

Employment support/lifelong learning

- MSF will strengthen support for persons with disabilities to engage in employment and lifelong learning.
 - ITE and SG Enable will enhance their internship and employment support programme for ITE students with Special Educational Needs (SEN) to provide pre-employment training, career exploration

opportunities, and post-graduation job placement with on-site job coaching for up to a year.

- SG Enable will progressively expand the School-to-Work (S2W) programme, doubling its intake from about 45 per year today, to 90 by 2030. The programme offers structured training, job placement, and job support in sectors like transport and financial services to graduates from Special Education (SPED) schools.
- MOM will extend the Enabling Employment Credit (EEC) for employers, which provides significant wage offsets for each person with disabilities hired, till end-2028.
- MSF will launch the Enabling Skills for Life Programme (ESLP) with selected Sheltered Workshops and Day Activity Centres from fourth quarter of 2025 to 2028.
 - The ESLP aims to improve the quality of life for adults with disabilities by equipping them with independent living, communication, social emotional functioning and vocational skills.
 - The programme will support persons with disabilities who have higher support needs to engage in lifelong learning, building on what they learned in SPED schools. Further details will be shared closer to its launch.

Empowering persons with disabilities to live and participate in community

- MSF will launch two pilots to give persons with disabilities, with low to moderate support needs, more options to live independently in the community. These pilots are the Home Support Programme (HSP) and Enabled Living Programme (ELP) for community living. The two pilots will support persons with disabilities to continue living in the community instead of being referred to an institution if they do not have adequate caregiver support and alternative residential options.

- The HSP pilot will be launched in 2026. HSP will benefit those who are living in their own/family home but require support to go about their daily lives.

[Example] A person with intellectual disabilities and low to moderate support needs living with an aged caregiver may benefit from services such as ongoing monitoring and reminder services, coaching on independent living and social skills, and future care planning to empower them to live independently within their own homes, even after their caregiver passes on.

- The ELP will be launched in the second half of 2025 for eligible persons with disabilities with low to moderate support needs, who may require additional support for independent living. Eligible persons with disabilities will live in public rental flats set aside for the pilot, where they can receive services onsite that enable daily living, such as information, referral, and coordination services, coaching for independent living and social skills, and ongoing monitoring and reminder services.
- From 2026 onwards, SG Enable will launch two new Assessment centres and expand the capacity for AT assessment, thereby reducing the wait time for an appointment.
- Two more Enabling Services Hubs (ESH) have begun operations. The two ESHes will be run by our partner Social Service Agencies, similar to the first ESH in Tampines.

Enabling Services Hub	Partner Social Service Agency	Regions Covered
ESH@Tampines	SPD	Tampines, Bedok

ESH@Jurong	TOUCH Community Services	Jurong East, Jurong West, Clementi, Queenstown
ESH@Punggol	SPD	Punggol, Hougang, Sengkang, Serangoon

- With effect from 2026, MSF will increase subsidies for long-term care (LTC) services and extend subsidies to more households. This includes disability services such as Adult Disability Homes and Day Activity Centres
 - Subsidies for residential and non-residential LTC services will increase by up to 15 percentage points. The per capita household income eligibility threshold will also be raised from \$3,600 to \$4,800.
 - For Singapore Citizens born in or before 1969, MSF will introduce additional subsidies of (i) 5 percentage points for those receiving residential LTC services; (ii) 15 percentage points for those receiving non-residential LTC services.
 - From Jan 2026, MSF will also enhance ATF subsidies and expand them to more households to help defray costs for PwDs and their families.

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