

MEDIA STATEMENT

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PPIS responds to Resilience Budget Update 2020

1. The Singapore Muslim Women's Association (PPIS) welcomes the additional measures announced during the Resilience Budget 2020 update speech that was delivered by our Finance Minister, Mr Heng Swee Keat today. The enhanced measures that were newly announced will greatly help women, families and children during this uncertain time of the COVID-19 crisis.
2. As a Social Service Agency, we welcome the enhancement of the Care and Support Package as it will further assist many women and families in their daily financial needs as our nation battles out the current crisis, especially those with young children. As an agency that works closely with those in need, the enhanced cash disbursement to this group, would greatly help ease their daily burden in weathering through this period. Our organisation has been following the Covid-19 situation closely and we anticipate those seeking assistance from social service agencies, including PPIS may increase.
3. We also welcome the enhanced support for self-help groups, CDCs and NTUC's support for workers and self-employed Singaporeans. This enhanced support system will help ensure that Singaporeans are given the support needed in protecting their livelihoods during this crisis. As a Social Service agency that regularly works with such community partners, we are glad that many agencies that work on social challenges are also given the same bolstered support as we do.
4. PPIS is heartened to hear that political office holders, including our President, will be taking a 3 month pay cut. As an organisation serving the people, we applaud them on their sacrifice towards the nation and the support for our people.
5. On our part, PPIS will ensure that the people we serve will receive as much support as possible and have access to the enhancements announced in the Resilience Budget 2020.
6. Echoing the words of Minister Heng Swee Keat, PPIS would also like to show our solidarity towards the nation in battling this crisis and emerging stronger. The organisation believes that everyone has a part to play and PPIS strives to uphold our responsibility in keeping the community safe.