

SINGAPORE'S APPROACH TO SOCIAL SECURITY

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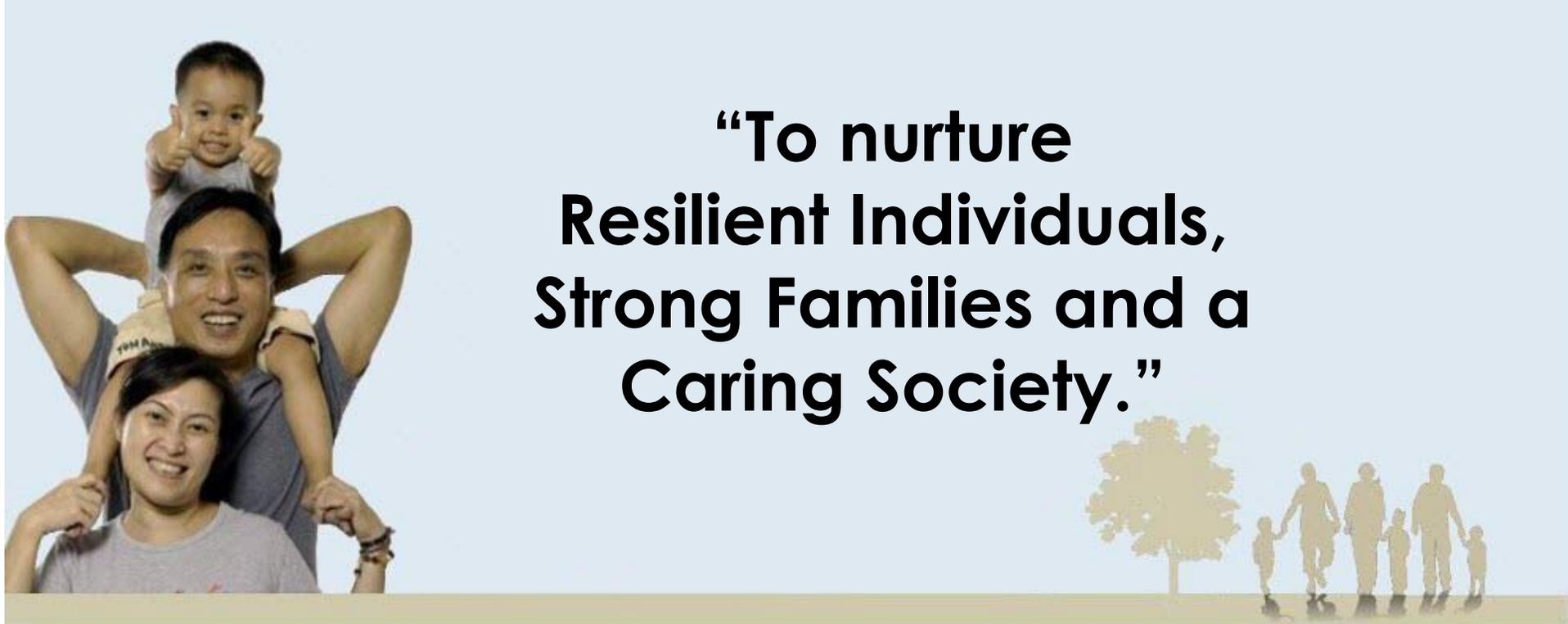
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AGENDA

- 1. Mission**
- 2. Social Security Framework**
- 3. Social Safety Nets**
- 4. Challenges Ahead**

MISSION



**“To nurture
Resilient Individuals,
Strong Families and a
Caring Society.”**

BUILDING BLOCKS OF A NATION

Resilient Individuals

Self-reliance and social responsibility

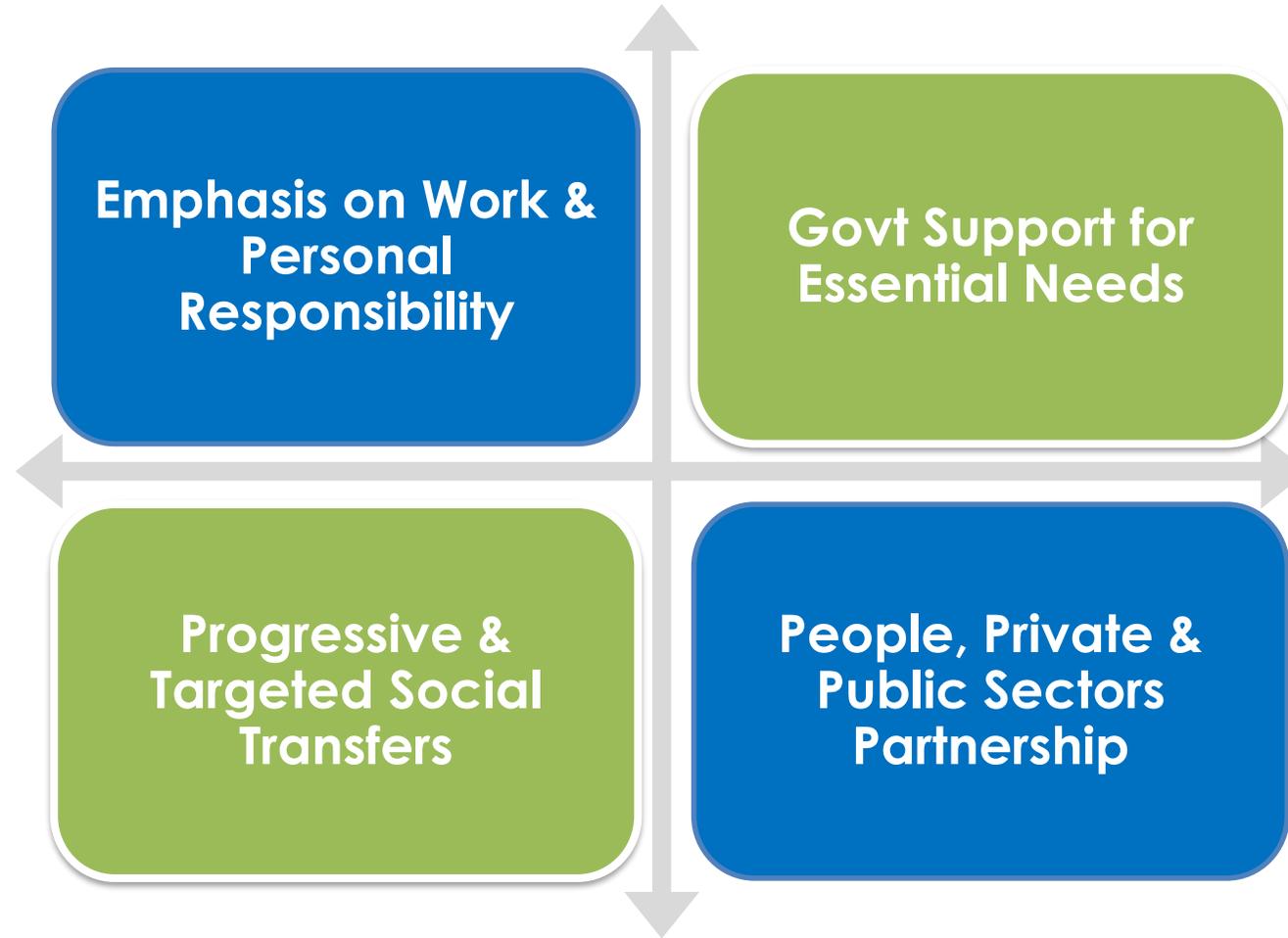
Strong Families

Family as a first line of support

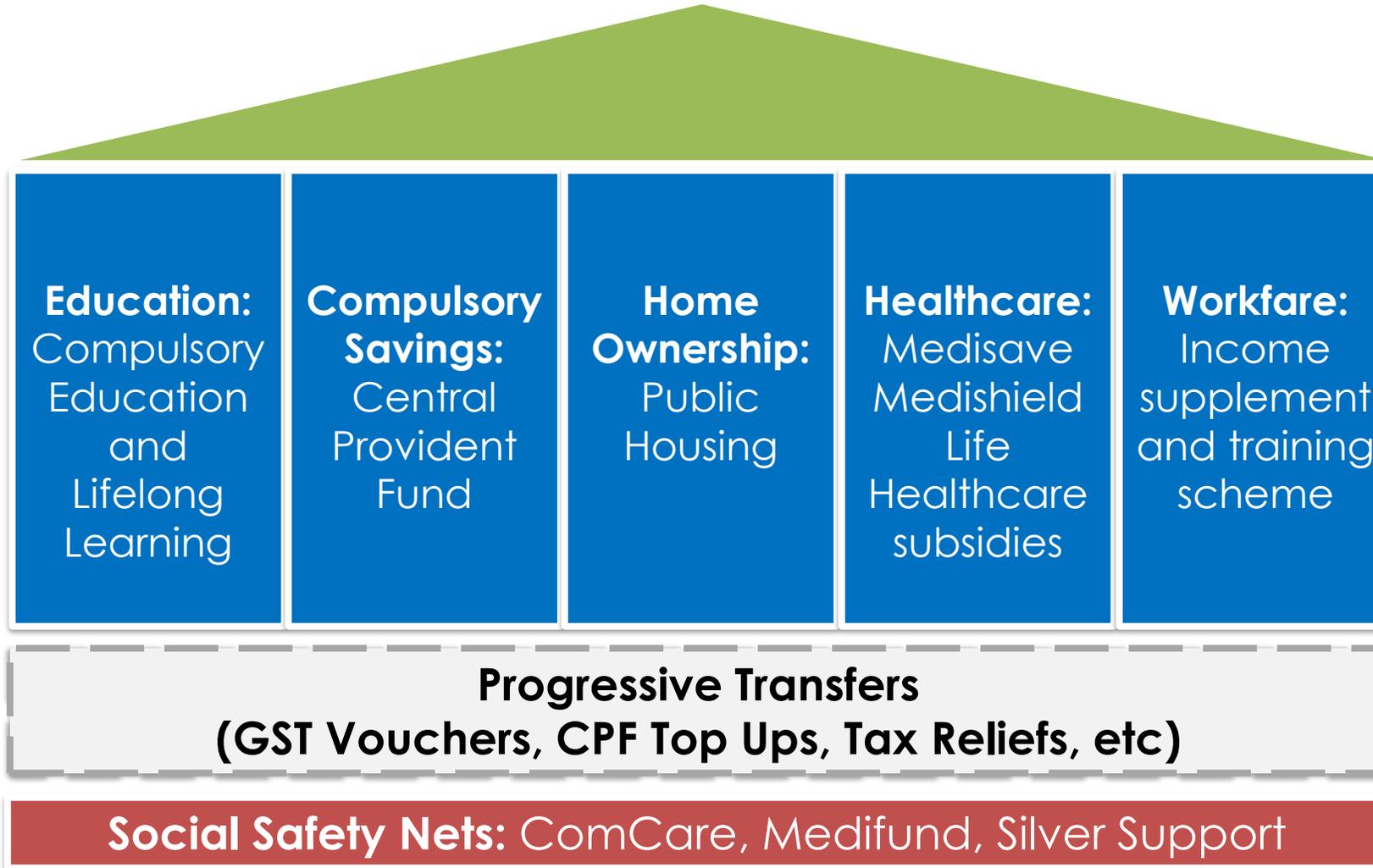
Caring Society

*Many Helping Hands
3P Partnerships*

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES



PILLARS OF SOCIAL SECURITY



COMCARE ENDOWMENT FUND

Provides financial assistance to needy individuals and families to meet:

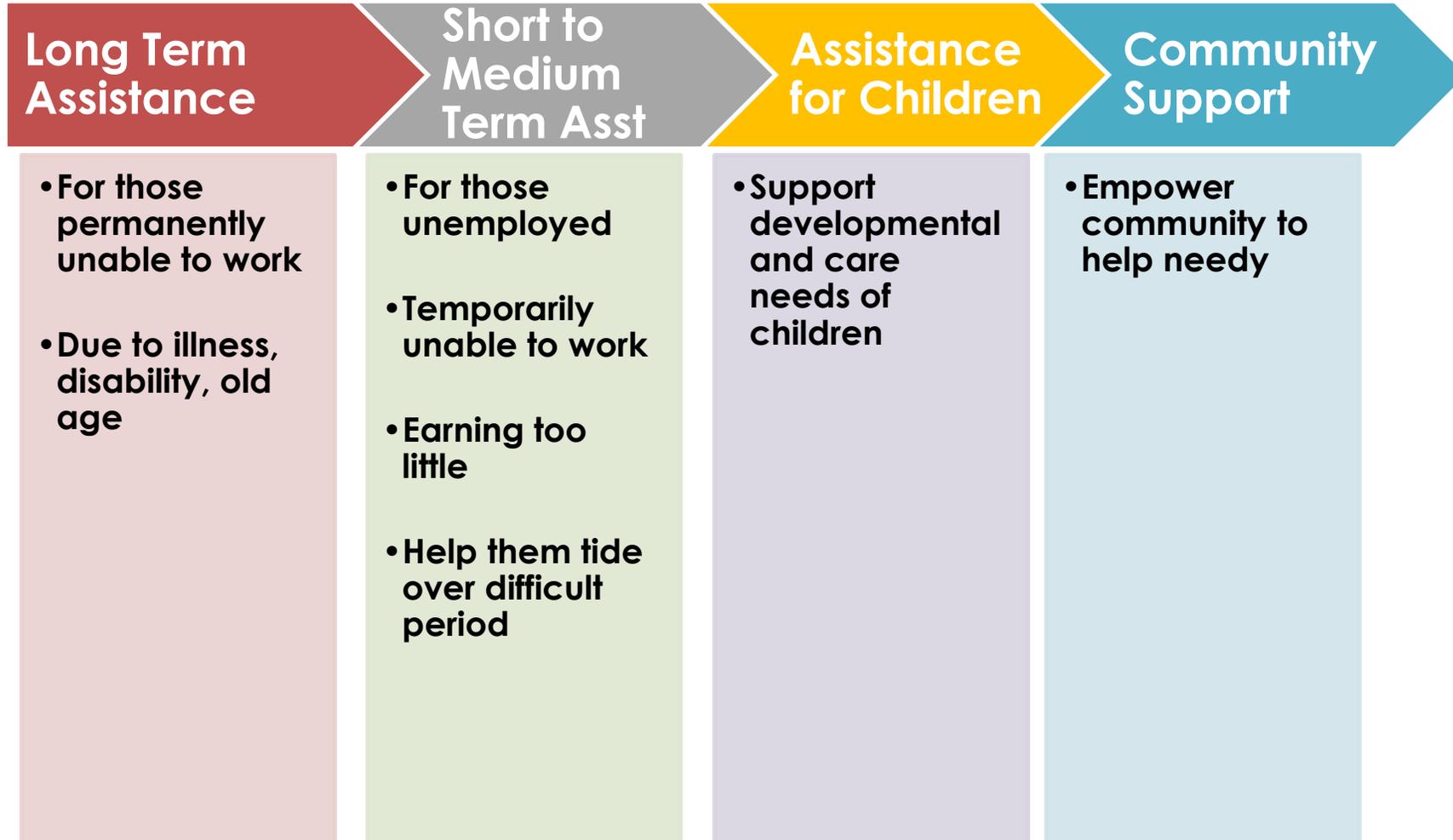
- **Their basic needs**
- **Needs of their children**

Supports development of programmes to build enhance capacity of community



**ComCare Fund
Launched in 2005**

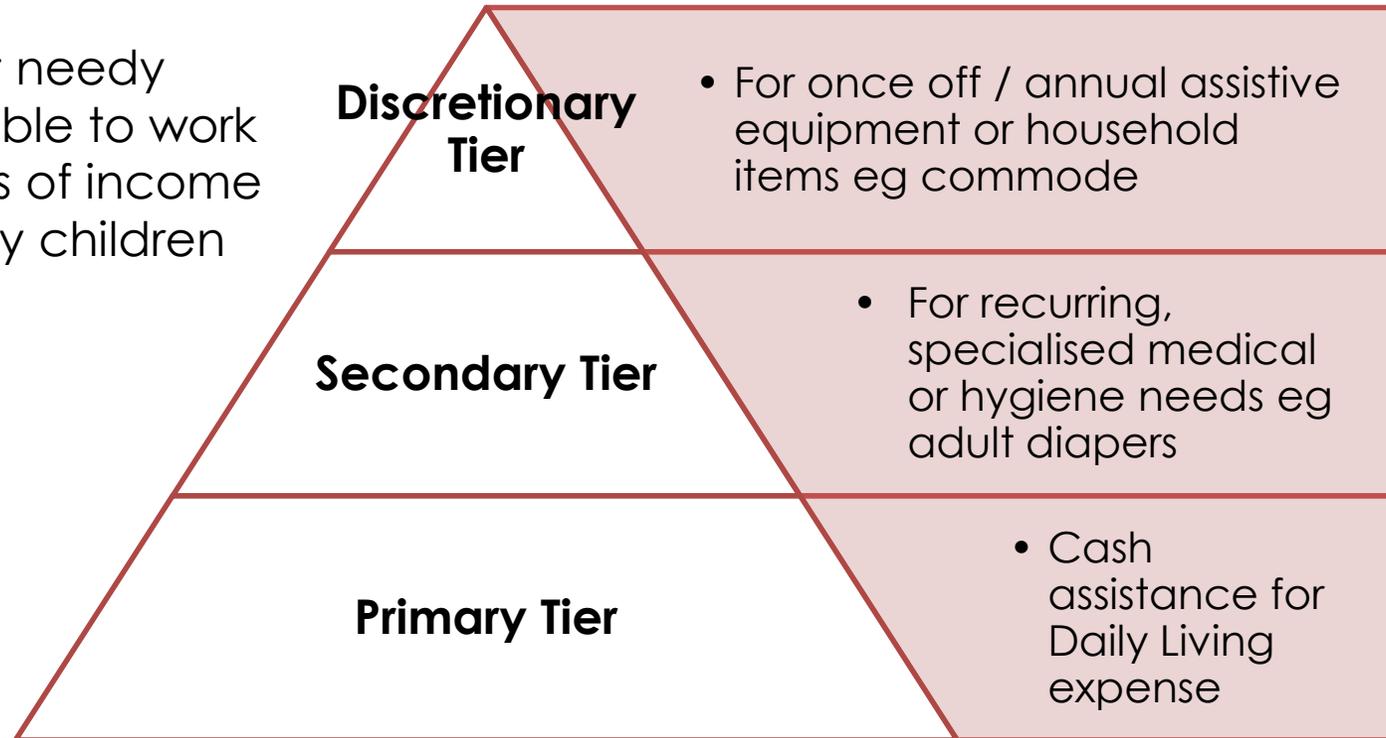
COMCARE PROVIDES





LONG TERM ASSISTANCE

- Targeted at most needy
- Permanently unable to work
- Little or no means of income
- Elderly with needy children



Free medical/dental at polyclinics and govt hospitals

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Links to community and social support



SHORT TO MEDIUM TERM ASSISTANCE

- Targeted at low-income, work capable but require temporary assistance:
 - Looking for job/retrenched
 - Employed with low wages
 - Temporarily unable to work
 - Illness, caregiving, incarceration
- Depending on household's needs, they may receive:



Monthly cash grant to meet basic needs



Utilities and/or Service and Conservancy Charges vouchers



Job matching and other employment services for work-capable applicant

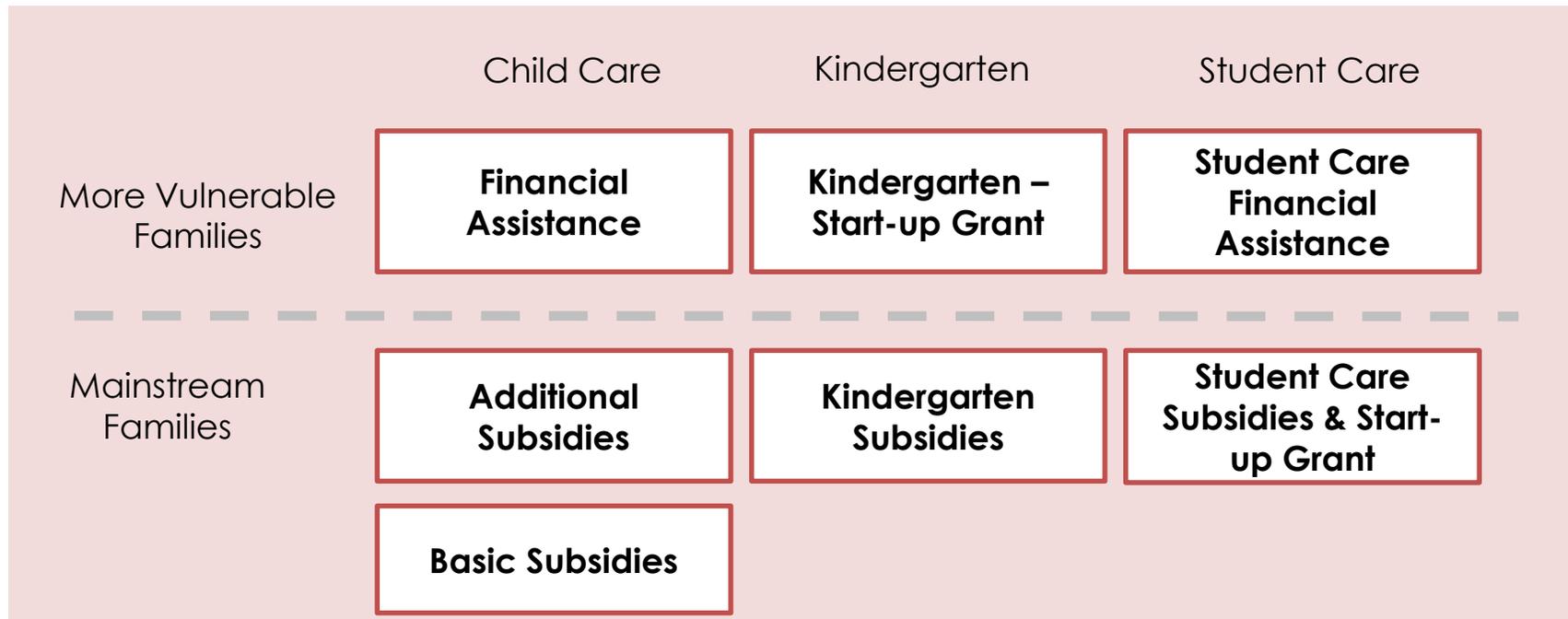


Rent assistance



ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN

- Address developmental needs of children from lower income families
 - Provide children with an early start
 - Provide adequate supervision for children while parents work

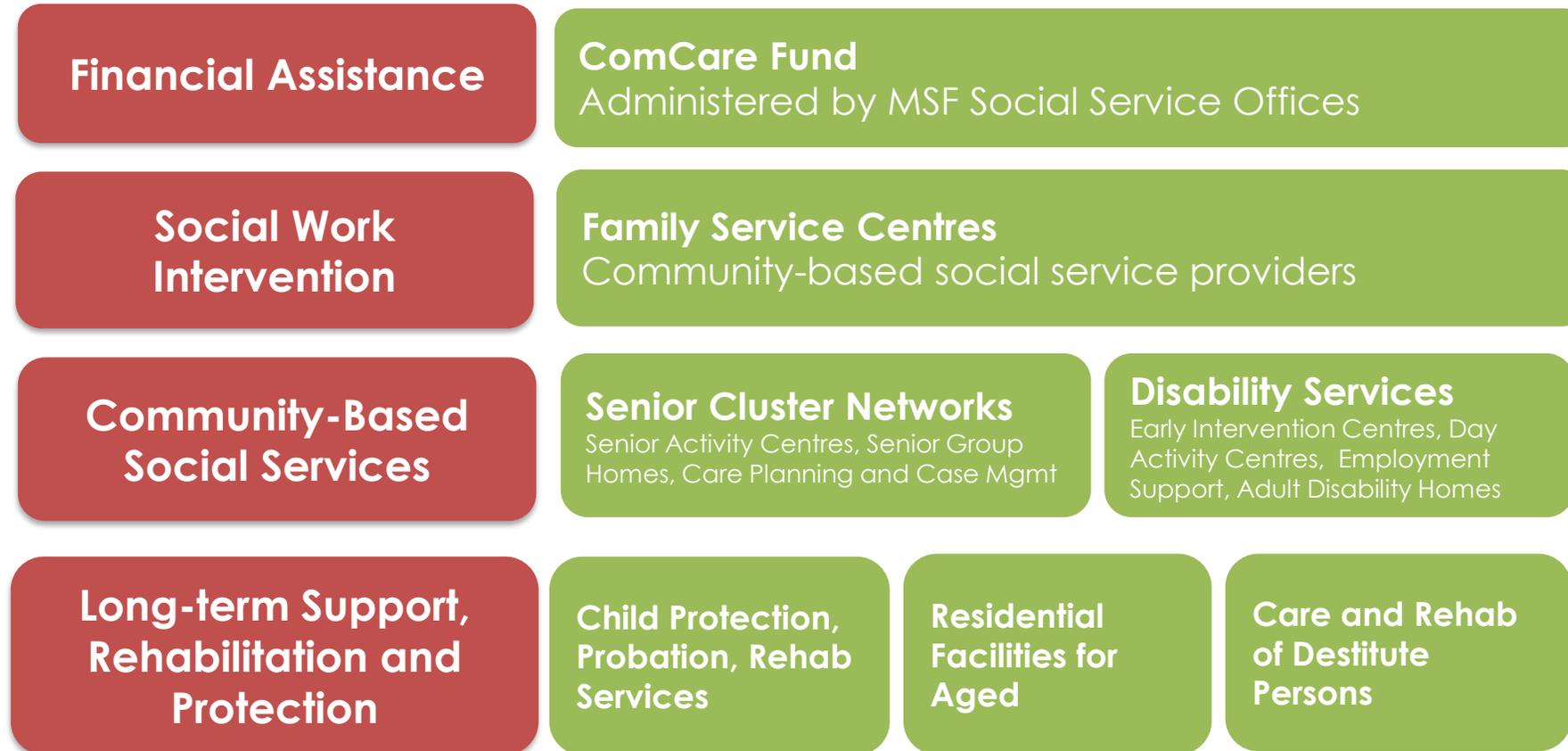




COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- Funding for community org to provide immediate relief for individuals & families' urgent needs
 - Cash, vouchers or food rations for up to 3 months

SOCIAL SERVICE DELIVERY FRAMEWORK



DEVELOPMENT INDICATORS

EDUCATION



- Literacy rate: **97%**
- **9 in 10** have sec or higher qualifications

HEALTHCARE



- Life expectancy: **83 years**

HOUSING



- **90%** Home Ownership
- Needy families access to subsidised rental flats

EMPLOYMENT



- Labour force participation rate: **68%**

CHALLENGES AHEAD

Aging population
& shrinking families

Rising cost of living
& wage pressures

Keeping elderly active
& employed

Sustaining social safety net

Increasing public demands
& expectations

Diminishing sense of personal
responsibility

Thank You