

# SINGAPORE'S APPROACH TO SOCIAL SECURITY

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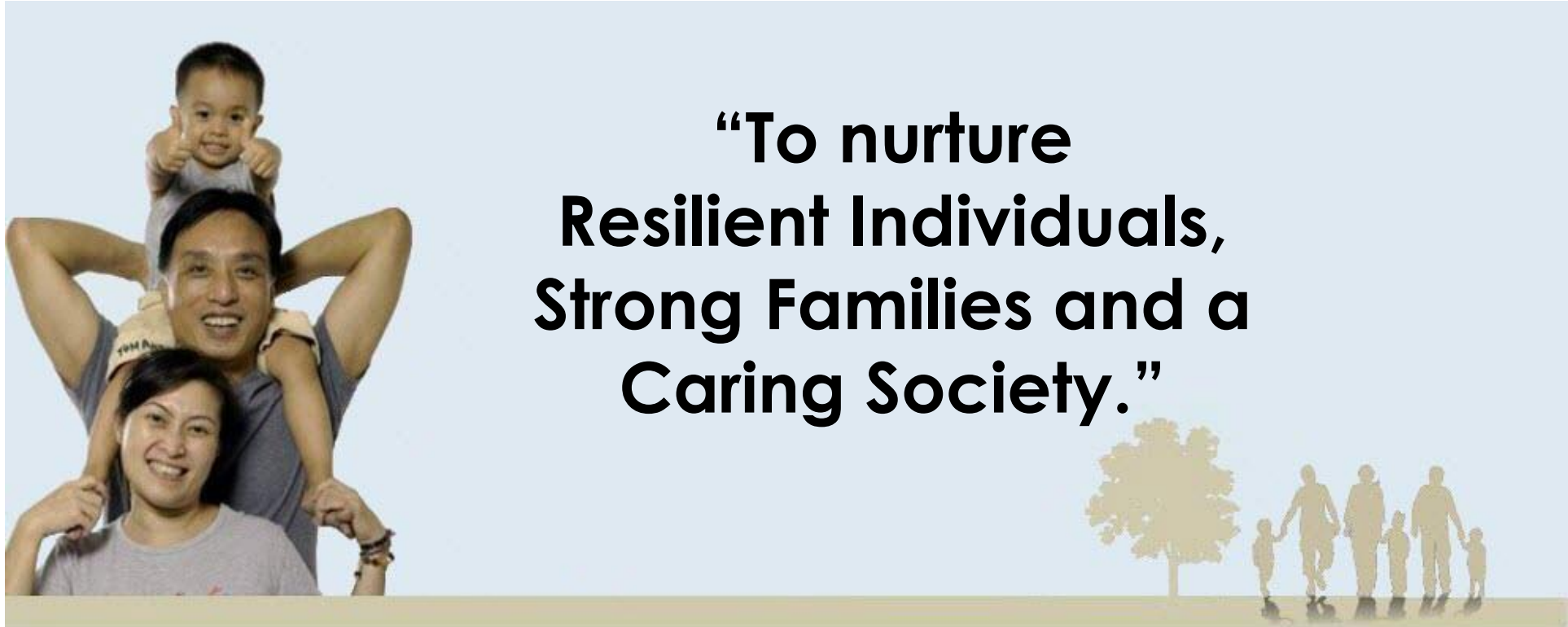
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# AGENDA

- 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*

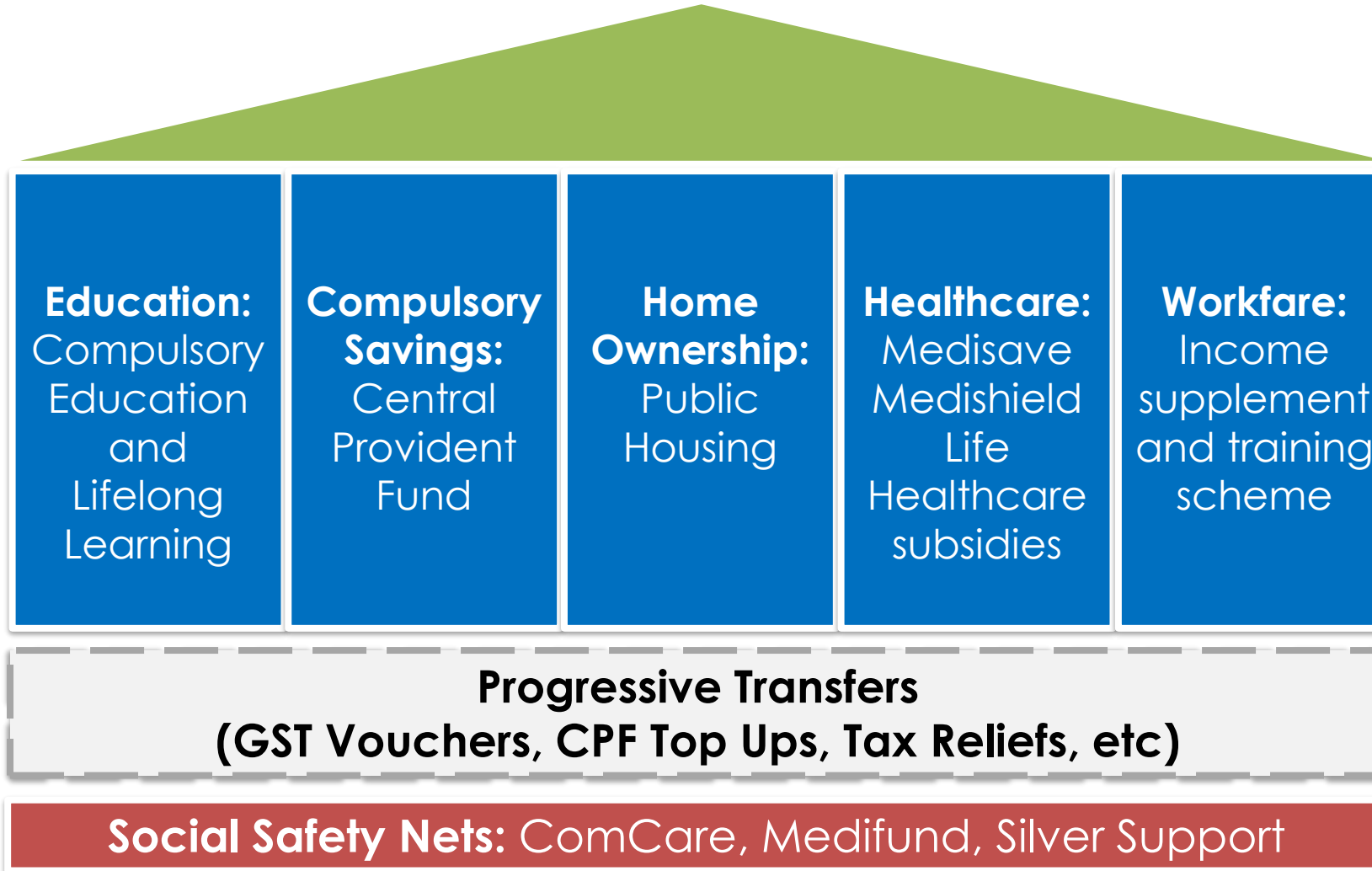
## **Caring Society**

*Many Helping Hands  
3P Partnerships*

# FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES



# PILLARS OF SOCIAL SECURITY



# COMCARE ENDOWMENT FUND

Provides financial assistance to needy individuals and families to meet:

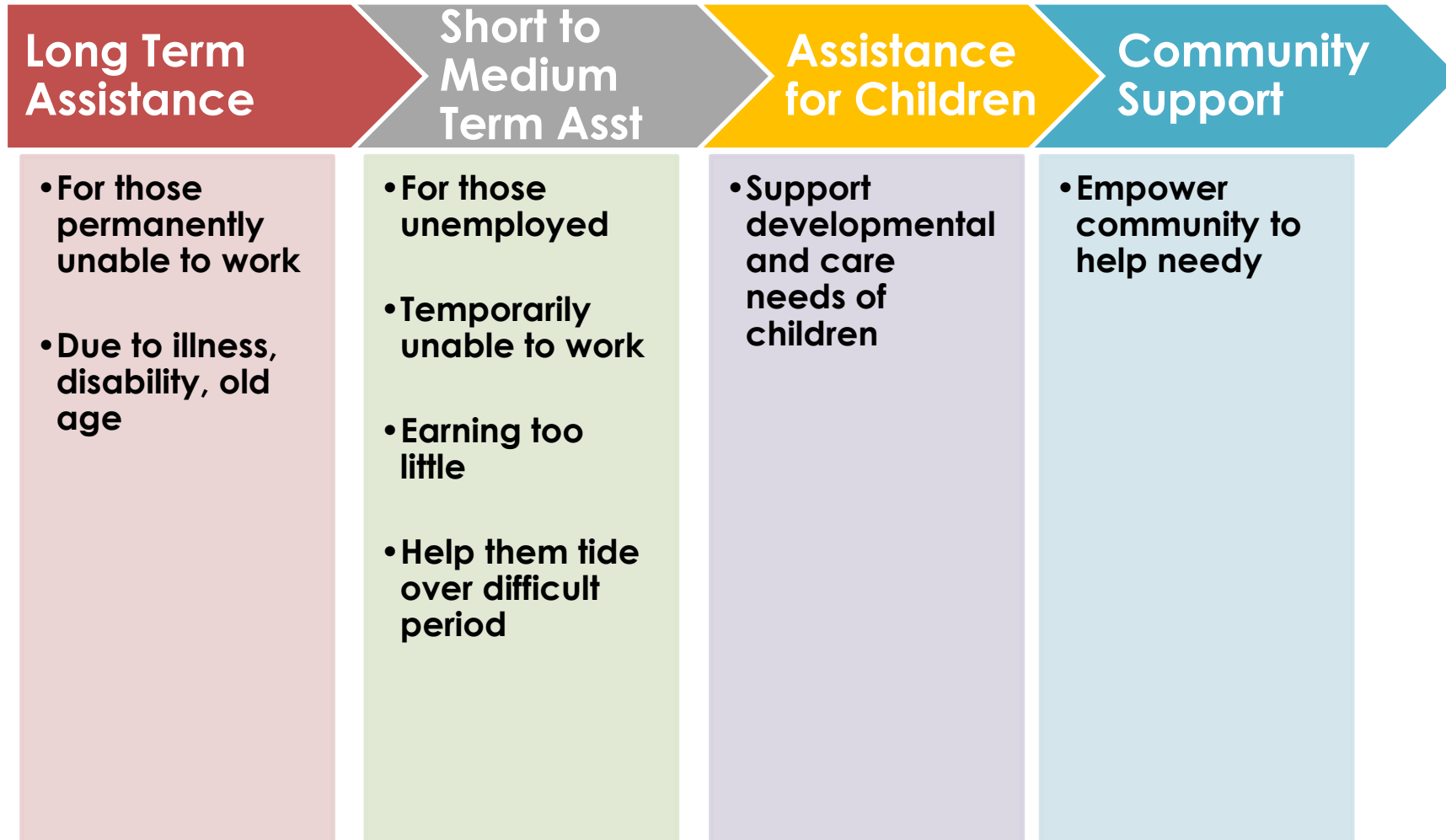
- **Their basic needs**
- **Needs of their children**

Supports development of programmes to build enhance capacity of community



**ComCare Fund  
Launched in 2005**

# COMCARE PROVIDES

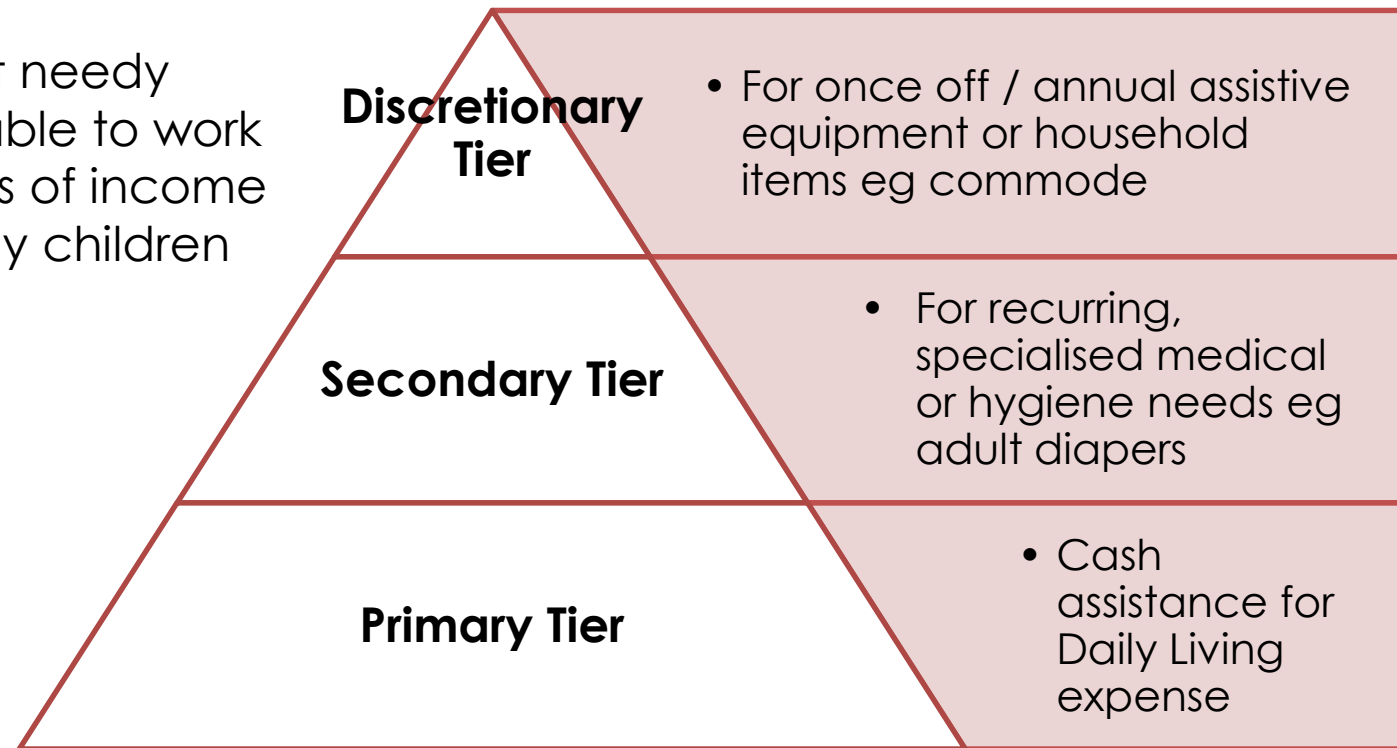






## LONG TERM ASSISTANCE

- 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**

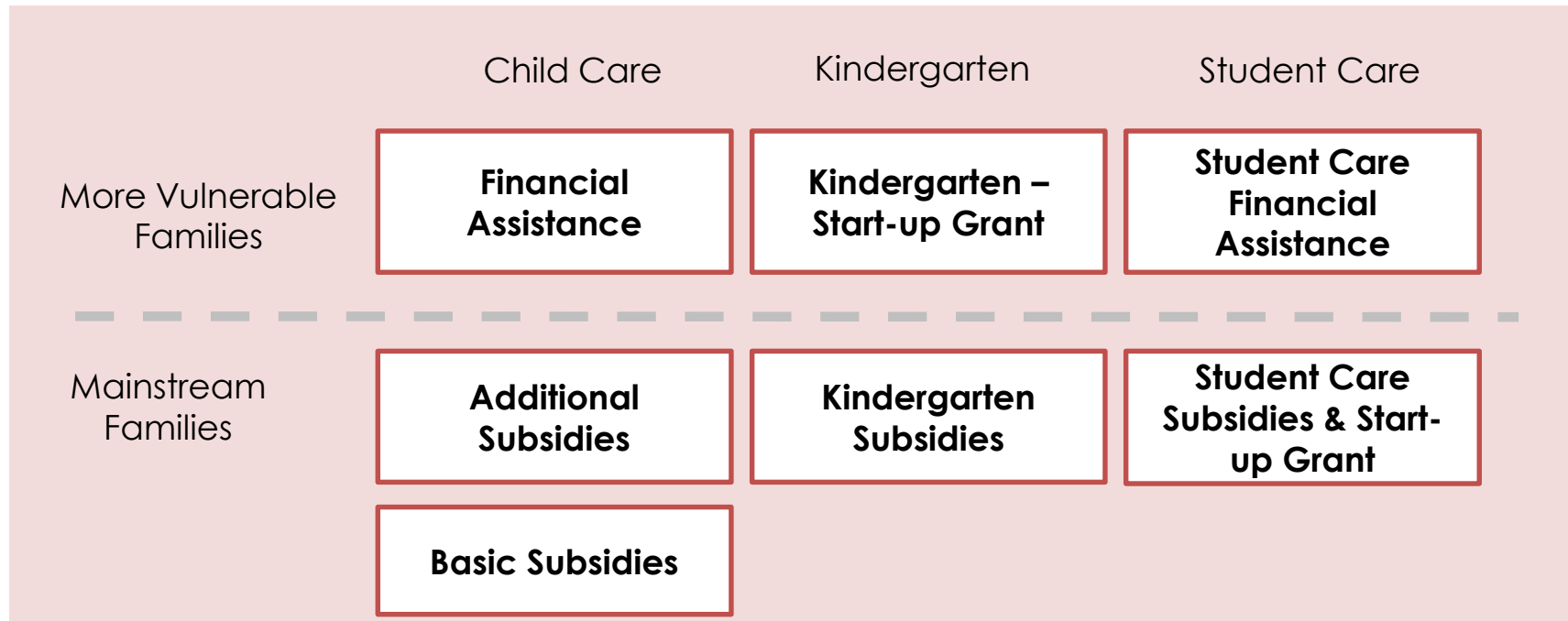


**Rent assistance**



## 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

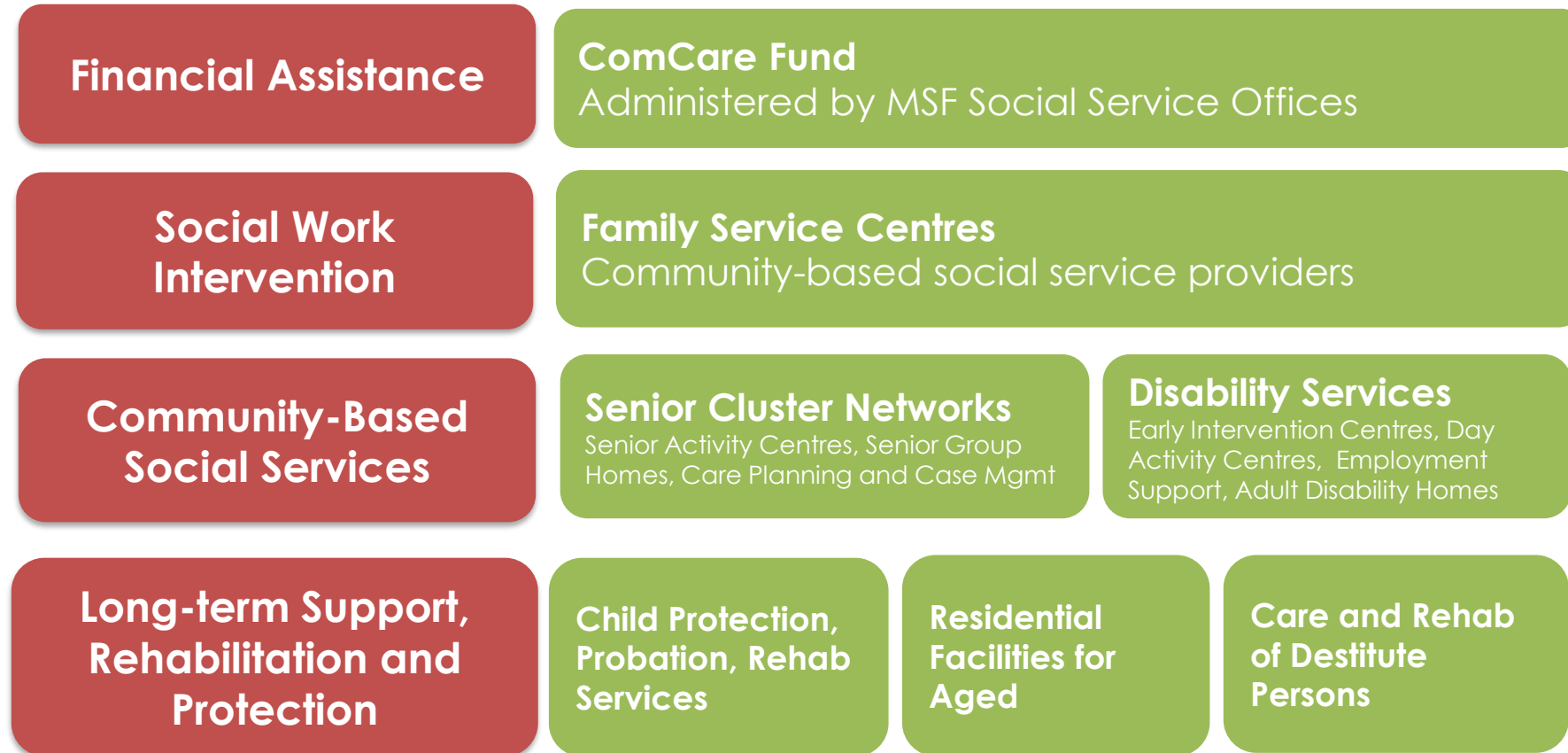




## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- 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