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FY2021/2022 Report



SOUTH WEST
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Mayor's Message

Dear Friends

While FY2021/2022 emerged as a challenging year due to global headwinds, Singaporeans stood together and responded with confidence and resolve to overcome the odds.

Against this backdrop, South West CDC's "ABC" mission - of **aggregating** resources, **building** capabilities as well as **connecting** and meeting community needs - is more relevant and urgent than ever.

With the support of more than **750 community and corporate partners and over 5,000 volunteers**, the CDC reached out to close to **100,000 beneficiaries in FY2021/2022**. We focused our efforts on - **strengthening the social safety net, promoting sustainability, enhancing work skills and building our SGUnited spirit**. We are grateful to all our partners for their unwavering support and contributions without which our efforts would not be possible.

In the last financial year, the CDC launched the **\$1 million South West Care Fund** to provide holistic support for residents affected by the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic. Complementing existing assistance schemes, the Fund aimed to plug gaps and **strengthen the social safety net**.

In the area of **sustainability**, we collaborated with **60 partners** to organise the annual **Clean Up @ South West**, our flagship recycling programme. The initiative promotes green lifestyles and recycling. It also rallies residents to take ownership of their environment by building a sustainable and eco-conscious South West District.

To future-proof Singaporeans with **employable skills**, the CDC organised two flagship drives - the South West Community Job Fairs and SkillsFuture Advice workshops. About **1,200 jobseekers were connected with more than 800 employers**.

In true **SGUnited spirit**, our corporate and community partners banded together to distribute South West Festive Cheers Packs to about **7,500 vulnerable households**. To help Singaporeans cope with the rising cost of living, the five CDCs including South West CDC were involved in the distribution of CDC Vouchers to all Singaporean households.

As we move into the post-COVID new normal, let's keep together and look out for one another. Collectively, we make a stronger and more resilient Singapore!



Ms Low Yen Ling
Mayor of
South West District

亲爱的朋友们，

2021/2022财政年度因受全球刮逆风的影响，是充满挑战的一年，但国人风雨同行，齐心协力渡过难关。

正是在此背景下，西南社区发展理事会的“ABC”使命变得更紧要 and 迫切——即**汇集整合资源、加强伙伴的网络以及社会的联系**。

在超过**750个社区与企业合作伙伴以及逾5000名志愿者**的支持下，**社理会在2021/2022财政年度造福将近10万人，向他们伸出援手**。我们着眼于**强化社会安全网、促进可持续发展、提高职场技能并树立“新心相连”的精神**。我们诚挚地感谢我们所有合作伙伴们坚定不移的支持与奉献。

在上一个财政年中，社理会推出了总值**100万元西南关怀基金**，为受到冲击的居民提供援助。这项基金旨在**加强我们的社区安全网**，和其它各项援助计划相配合。

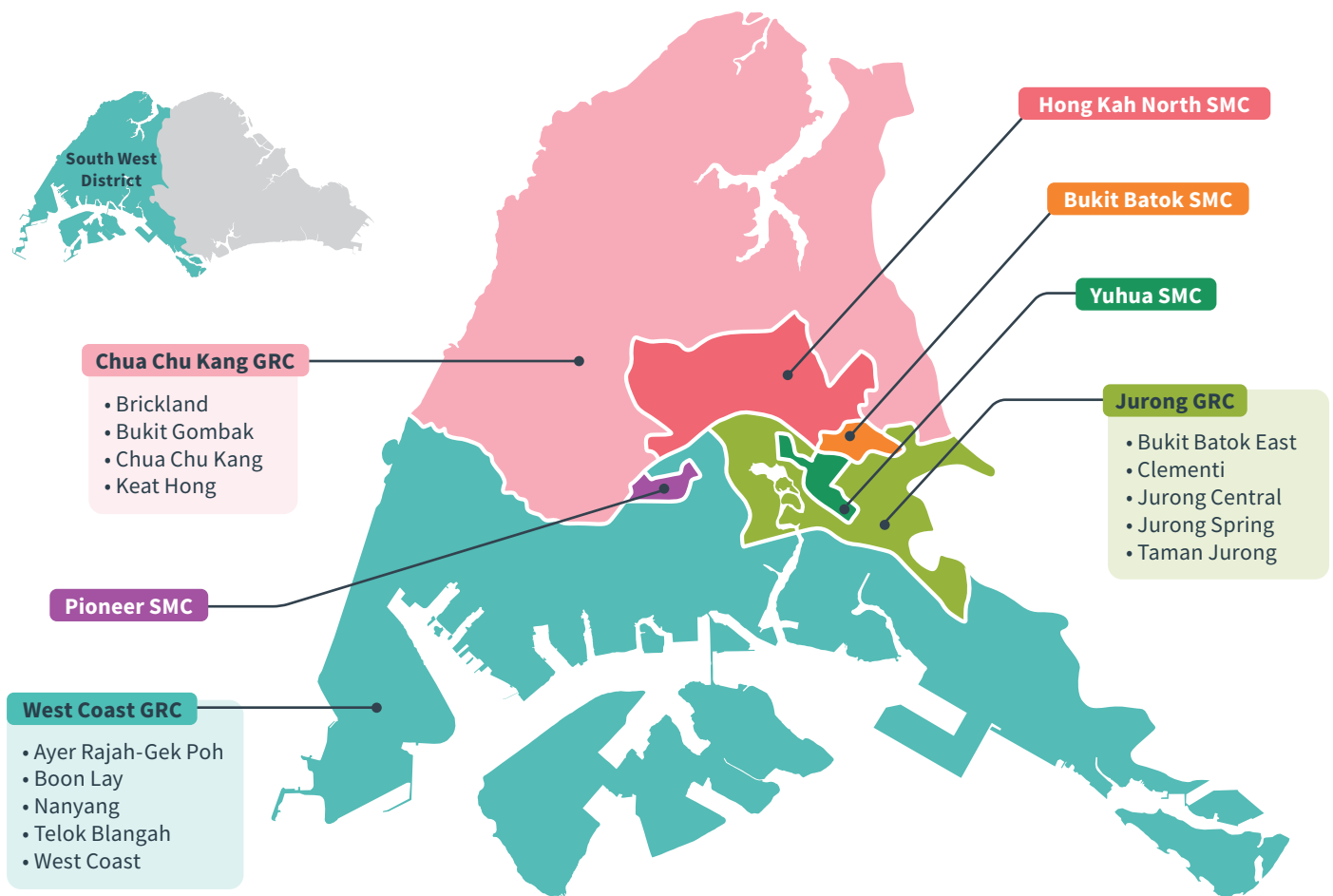
在**可持续发展**领域，我们与**60名合作伙伴**携手举办一年一度的**全面环保在西南**。这项计划为的是推广绿色生活与废料再循环，同时号召居民通过建立一个可持续发展且富有环境生态意识的西南社区。

为了确保国人具有与时俱进的**就业技能**，社理会也主办了西南社区职业展以及西南技能创前程就业培训工作坊，让约**1200名求职者**和**超过800名雇主**相互沟通。

我们由衷发挥**新心相连的精神**，与我们的企业以及社区合作伙伴一起，同心协力为约**7500户弱势家庭**派发西南欢庆佳节礼包。为了帮助新加坡人应对物价上涨，五个社理会也为全新加坡家庭发放社理会邻里购物券。

在适应疫情新常态的同时，让我们继续团结一致，守望相助。众志成城，打造一个更强大，更有韧性的新加坡！

Our South West, Our Home



About South West CDC

The Community Development Councils (CDCs) were established under the People's Association Act in 1997. Subsequently, the South West Community Development Council (CDC) was formed on 24 November 2001. The CDC brings together government agencies, grassroots organisations (GROs), social service agencies (SSAs) and the private sector to strengthen the social fabric of Singapore. Through our programmes and initiatives, the CDC promotes social cohesion and encourages community ownership among residents, community and corporate partners.

Vision

“Owning Your Community”

The South West District is envisioned to be a place where people care for one another, where the strong looks after the weak and where community ties are warm and resilient.

Mission

- Aggregator of Needs and Resources
- Builder of Capability / Capacity in Partners
- Connector of Communities

Statistics for FY 2021/2022 in a nutshell

100,000

Residents benefitted from

28

Local assistance schemes and programmes



360

Community Interest Groups with

27,000

Members



5,000

Volunteers rallied to serve the community through partnerships with

750

corporate and community Partners



58

Programmes reaching

over **110,000** residents



Received

\$2.5 million

in cash & in-kind donations

105

pro-bono lawyers served



270

Residents at **Community Legal Clinic @South West**

1,700

SMEs are assisted through one-to-one Business Advisory and Capability Workshops by **SME Centre@SouthWest**



190

SkillsFutureAdviceworkshops were conducted for

9,000

participants



39,000

residents, assisted in

170

COVID-19 related schemes



64

SMEs assisted in

2

COVID-19 related schemes



4

new Programmes & Initiatives



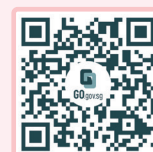
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Join us & be part of the South West Community

Anchoring on 4S

A Strengthening our Social Safety Net

Caregiving @ South West

Caregiving @ South West, is an initiative to rally the community to **Celebrate** caregivers and caregiving; **Support** caregivers; and **Empower** a caring community.

FY2021 saw more than **300 attendees** take part in virtual caregiving workshops/webinars and celebrative events such as World Hospice and Palliative Care Day 2021, in collaboration with **41 partners**.



Singapore Hospice Council staff and volunteers shared messages about palliative care with event attendees.



From left: Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim (Adviser to Chua Chu Kang GRC GROs (Keat Hong)), Mr Ang Wei Neng (Adviser to Nanyang GROs), Mayor Low, Mr Koh Tiam Teck (Koh Kock Leong Enterprise Pte Ltd, Managing Director), Mr Shawn Huang (Adviser to Jurong GRC GROs (Jurong Spring)) and Mr Terence Quek, BBM (Chairman of Social Service Functional Committee, South West CDC) launching the South West Care Fund.



South West Care Fund

The **\$1 million South West Care Fund** was launched as part of Adopt @ South West to strengthen social support for vulnerable residents. The fund provides holistic and essential support to vulnerable residents under the three key pillars: Social support and wellness, Education and enrichment, and Home maintenance and improvement.





Grant-A-Wish @ South West

Rallying partners to provide targeted support for vulnerable residents through the Grant-A-Wish @ South West initiative, the CDC fulfilled the wishes of over **3,500 vulnerable residents**. The beneficiaries had their wishes granted by volunteers and received items such as household essentials, medical & mobility aids and back-to-school supplies, etc.



The CDC partnered corporate and community partners to grant the wishes of vulnerable seniors and children through Grant-A-Wish @ South West.



Bo Tien Welfare Services Society sponsored the South West Relief Food Pack to address ad hoc and urgent needs of residents.



The Food Connect packs were distributed to residents by volunteers.

Food Connect @ South West

720 families from 18 Divisions benefitted from Food Connect @ South West through distributions of monthly food rations. Household essential items were also distributed bi-annually.



B Sustainable South West

Upcycling Initiative by Singapore Post

Close to 33,000 iconic blue uniforms were upcycled into **12 types of lifestyle products** such as tissue holders, picnic mats and tote bags under the Re:Post upcycling initiative to mark World Post Day. Proceeds from the sale of the products were donated to help caregivers and residents in need under the South West CDC's programmes.

SingPost and South West CDC worked with community partners in engaging vulnerable seniors, lower income stay-home caregivers, design student and local home-based artisans to design and produce these products.



*Social Gifting roped in seniors from Lions Befrienders Senior Activity Centres to craft the products. The upcycling project has helped **138 beneficiaries** find purpose and earn an income during the COVID-19 pandemic.*



The "Recycle Right" bins, developed by NUS alumni Mr Tommy Cheong and supported by South West CDC, were shown to be effective in reducing contamination rates in recycling bins.

Zero Waste Testbed Initiative @ South West

Launched in January 2021, Zero Waste Testbed Initiative @ South West empowers and supports youths in the co-creation of innovative zero waste. Students were challenged to develop circular economy solutions through test-bedding of proof-of-concepts within the NUS campus in collaboration with **10 partners**.



Green Schools @ South West

Green Schools @ South West aims to educate and instil public responsibility for our environment in children and youths, reaching out to approximately **4,000 participants** and **121 partners** in FY2021.

As part of the programme, the “Woke Wednesday” Campaign was launched to encourage sustainable eating from young and an opportunity for students to play their part in reducing their carbon footprint through sustainable food choices.



Mayor Low interacting with students from Westwood Primary School who were trying dishes made from Peasy.



Dazhong Primary School students playing Enviromon, a card game developed to educate students and their parents about waste management issues.



Clockwise from top left: Reeve Zapanta Andres, Liu Ku, Xu Jihao and Theejutha Oumalee, the team from Boon Lay Secondary School clinched the first runner-up and the most innovative idea award with their idea of converting expired medicine into fertiliser.

Young Technopreneur Challenge 2021

The Young Technopreneur Challenge 2021 saw a total of **44 teams from 19 schools participating** in the challenge to design sustainable solutions with the aim of achieving goals in the United Nations Sustainable Development, Singapore Green Plan 2030 and Sustainable South West Masterplan. **About 180 students** were equipped with essential soft skills as well as coding skills through the three bootcamps which were specially curated.



C Skills for Employment through Upskilling and Reskilling



South West Community Job Fair

South West Community Job Fair is a community-centric initiative to bring job opportunities closer to the residents and help employers ease their manpower crunch.

In FY2021, we connected **more than 800 employers with 1,200 jobseekers through 4,700 interviews conducted.**



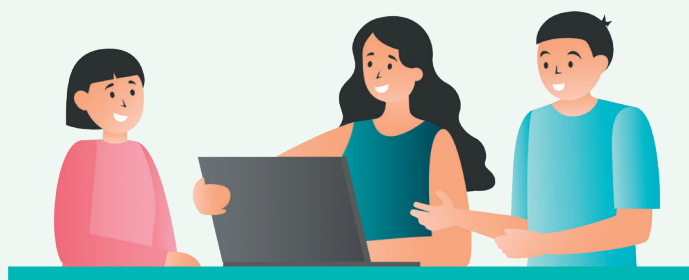
A SkillsFuture Advice Ambassador sharing with residents the available SkillsFuture programmes and initiatives.



Launched in 2017 to bring the SkillsFuture movement into the heartlands, SkillsFuture Advice Workshop aims to help residents navigate the SkillsFuture landscape and better understand the skills needed for the future economy as well as their own strengths.

SkillsFuture Advice (SFA) Workshops/Webinars

Over 9,000 participants, a 50% increase compared to the previous year, participated in 190 SFA Workshops/Webinars. These workshops helped Singaporeans understand the importance of career and skills upgrading, as well as provide information about SkillsFuture and how to use the various resources for their skills upgrading needs.



D Building the spirit of SGUnited



CDC Vouchers Scheme

The \$130 Million CDC Vouchers Scheme launched in 2021 aims to thank Singaporeans for their sense of solidarity during the pandemic and to support our hawkers and heartland merchants. **Up to 1.3 million Singaporean households each received \$100 CDC vouchers** which can be spent at participating hawkers and heartland merchants.



Ms Oon Yong Lan, 56, runs the neighbourhood photography shop at Jurong West St 92 and has been on board the CDC Vouchers Scheme since the beginning of this year.



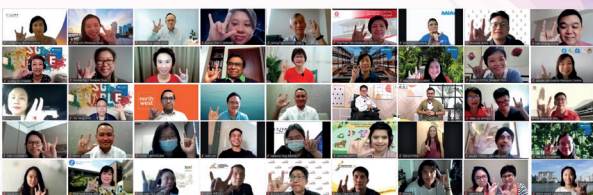
Ms Oon's shop has a wide range of digital payment methods including the digital CDC Vouchers.

Virtual Media Announcement for

\$4 Million

Temasek Trust - CDC Lifelong Learning Enabling Fund

Wednesday, 8 September 2021



Brought to you by: TEMASEK TRUST, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, Singapore Red Cross, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, NorthWest, SouthEast, SOUTH WEST, SG ENABLE

Demonstrating the Singapore Sign Language hand sign for 'I Love You' at the Virtual Launch of the Temasek Trust-CDC Lifelong Learning Enabling Fund.

Temasek Trust-CDC Lifelong Learning Enabling Fund

Together with SG Enable, a **\$4 million community fund** was set up to support persons with disabilities in acquiring relevant vocational and independent living skills.



Enhanced Kong Meng San - CDC COVID-19 Relief Fund

South West CDC partnered Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery to help residents, who are retrenched, lost their jobs or suffered loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Each eligible household will receive an increased funding support from \$500 to \$800.



Staff at St Luke's Hospital receiving care packs specially put together to thank them for their dedicated service during the pandemic.

Project Appreciation @ South West

As a gesture of the community's appreciation to our healthcare heroes, the CDC and our partners distributed care packs as part of Project Appreciation @ South West to **5,000 healthcare workers**.



Staff from Ng Teng Fong General Hospital received handmade cards with heartfelt messages as part of the care packs.

Community Guiding Programme

The CDC held a pilot run of the Community Guiding Programme to develop and hone leadership and life skills in young girls under the guidance and mentorship of adult Girl Guides Singapore volunteers. The programme, covering themes such as environment, personal and social development, and social service, will be rolled out to more divisions in the South West District.



Chloe Chang showing off her handmade bento at the bento making workshop, as part of the Community Guiding Programme.