



IMPACT OF COVID-19

Outlook

- ❖ COVID-19 has spread exponentially worldwide
- ❖ Growing number of locally transmitted cases
- ❖ Elevated safe distancing measures are necessary to pre-empt escalating infections
- ❖ Impact on businesses, workers and households will be severe



Resilience and Solidarity Budgets

- ❖ Tide over this period of elevated safe distancing
- ❖ Save jobs, support workers, protect livelihoods
- ❖ Help enterprises overcome immediate challenges
- ❖ Strengthen economic and social resilience so we can emerge intact and stronger



FISCAL IMPACT

Strategic Use of Past Reserves

- ❖ Our Past Reserves are our strategic asset, and reserved for very exceptional situations
- ❖ The President has given in-principle support to draw on Past Reserves for COVID-19 measures, given the exceptional circumstances



Budget Position

- ❖ FY2019: \$1.7 billion deficit (0.3% of GDP)
- ❖ [New] FY2020: \$44.3 billion deficit (8.9% of GDP)



SAVING JOBS, SUPPORTING WORKERS, PROTECTING LIVELIHOODS

Wage and Jobs Support

- ❖ Enhance and extend Jobs Support Scheme (JSS)
 - Additional enhancements for Apr 2020
- ❖ Self-Employed Person (SEP) Income Relief Scheme
 - More SEPs automatically eligible
- ❖ Enhance and extend SEP Training Support Scheme
- ❖ Enhance Workfare Special Payment
- ❖ SGUnited Traineeships
- ❖ SGUnited Jobs
- ❖ Greater flexibility for ComCare applications
- ❖ Temporary Relief Fund
- ❖ COVID-19 Support Grant



Support for Households

- ❖ Solidarity Payment
- ❖ Enhance Care and Support Package
- ❖ Greater flexibility on Government fees and loans



SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

Cash Flow, Cost and Credit Support Measures

- ❖ Enhance Property Tax Rebate
 - Ensure pass-through of rebate to tenants
- ❖ Enhance Enterprise Financing Scheme – Trade Loan and SME Working Capital Loan
 - Increase Government risk share of loans initiated from Apr 2020 to 90%, up from 80%
- ❖ Enhance rental waivers
 - Increase rental waivers for industrial, office and agricultural tenants of Government agencies to 1 month, up from 0.5 months
- ❖ Further measures to ease labour costs
- ❖ Defer income tax payments
- ❖ No increases in government fees and charges
- ❖ Enhance Loan Insurance Scheme
- ❖ Expand and enhance Temporary Bridging Loan Programme

Support for Affected Sectors

- ❖ Additional enhancements for Apr 2020
- ❖ Enhance JSS for aviation, tourism-related, and food services sectors
- ❖ Enhance aviation support package
- ❖ Additional support for tourism industry
- ❖ Extend and enhance Point-to-Point Support Package
- ❖ Road tax rebate and waiver of season parking charges for private bus owners
- ❖ Arts and Culture Support Package



EMERGING STRONGER

Resilience and Recovery Measures

- ❖ Ensure a stable supply of essential health supplies and food commodities
- ❖ Enhance SG Together Enhancing Enterprise Resilience (STEER) programme
- ❖ Enhance SMEs Go Digital Programme
- ❖ Enhance Productivity Solutions Grant
- ❖ Enhance Enterprise Development Grant
- ❖ Extend the enhanced training support, and to more sectors
- ❖ Early use of SkillsFuture Credit
- ❖ Broaden range of physical distancing measures, if needed
- ❖ Support businesses participating in SG Clean

