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### NEW MOM DIVISION TO SUPPORT MIGRANT WORKERS AND DORMITORY OPERATIONS

The Inter-agency Taskforce (ITF) comprising officers seconded from the Ministry of Manpower (MOM), Singapore Armed Forces, The Home Team, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Communications and Information and other agencies was formed in early April 2020 to provide support to migrant workers and dormitory operators in the fight against COVID-19.

2 With all dormitories declared cleared of COVID-19, the ITF will be handing over its operations to a new MOM division, the Assurance, Care and Engagement (ACE) Group. The handover will be carried out in phases from August 2020 to September 2020 to ensure a smooth transition.

#### ABOUT THE ASSURANCE, CARE AND ENGAGEMENT (ACE) GROUP

3 The ACE Group will be fully operational by 1 October 2020. With the completion of dormitory clearance, the ACE Group's immediate focus is to continue with the efforts to enable our dormitories to be more resilient and prevent new public health threats to our migrant worker population.

4 The ACE Group will provide **Assurance** to migrant workers living in dormitories and workers working in the dormitories, including the dormitory operators. It will also provide **Care** for workers through a comprehensive medical support plan and make health services more accessible to migrant workers. In addition, it will enhance **Engagement** with workers and other stakeholders to foster stronger partnerships with Singaporeans, workers' groups, employers and dormitory operators.

5 The ACE Group will continue to deploy Forward Assurance and Support Teams (FASTs). This will cover all purpose-built dormitories (PBDs), factory converted dormitories (FCDs), construction temporary quarters (CTQs) and private residential premises. It is also implementing a network of about 12 On-site Medical Centres and Sectoral Medical Centres to continue to provide access to medical services as the Regional Health Clusters phase out their forward deployment at the dormitories.

6 MOM would like to thank the seconded officers from the various agencies for their support and assistance in the fight against COVID-19 at the dormitories during this period. The ACE Group is committed to building on the work by the ITF to take care of the well-being of our migrant workers.

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