

## **PARTNER OF LABOUR MOVEMENT**

### **The Salvation Army**

*Nominated by the Centre for Domestic Employees.*

The Salvation Army (TSA) remains a committed partner to the Centre for Domestic Employees (CDE). From the pilot inception of the CDE Shelter in 2019 to its operation during the COVID-19 pandemic, TSA continues to provide quality programmes and care for the women of the shelter till today.

Its work at the CDE shelter is anchored on its core belief in advocating just and fair treatment for migrant domestic workers. TSA continues to support its residents with programmes and activities to promote their physical and mental well-being, while providing them with learning platforms to upskill themselves.

As the appointed operator of the CDE shelter, TSA continues to look at ways to improve the service and deliver better programmes to the women of the shelter, keeping them meaningfully engaged during their stay and helping them build their self-esteem to take better control of their lives.

Given the international network of TSA cuts across 135 countries, it is committed to ensuring the safe return of women to their home villages or towns through the Last Mile Assistance Programme. Numerous women have, to date, benefited from the programme and returned safely to their hometowns and distant villages.

Many women who have stayed at the shelter have benefited from language classes, allowing them to communicate better with their new employers. They have also benefited from a range of life skills classes such as baking, cooking, and digital literacy – to name a few.

TSA considers its work at the shelter part of its efforts to drive women empowerment. It ensures that the operations of the shelter is accountable to its Territorial Women's Ministry leadership, which provides leadership and guidance for the services delivered. TSA is committed to rallying its volunteers to lead activities that complement the work of the shelter's operations team. The objective is to help the women of the shelter recover from their trauma and better adjust themselves for their return to work or home.

Overall, TSA works holistically to prepare the women of the shelter to be future-ready, encouraging them to be hopeful as they move on to the next phase of their lives.