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Singapore Red Cross

Nominated by the Centre for Domestic Employees.

In 2019, to celebrate its third anniversary, the Centre for Domestic Employees (CDE) officiated a partnership with the Singapore Red Cross (SRC) to provide the Last Mile Assistance Programme to Migrant Domestic Workers (MDWs). This partnership has assisted multiple MDWs requiring medical attention during their repatriation journey.

Leveraging SRC's expertise in physical and psychological first aid, and eldercare, the collaboration has consistently ensured and continues to provide comprehensive support for MDWs. SRC employs a streamlined process for repatriation, working with CDE to assess specific needs and coordinating with medical social workers for health updates prior to travel.

SRC manages arrangements for medical escorts at no cost, including flight bookings and on-site support at the airport with its staff playing a crucial role in logistics, especially for urgent cases. Through the Last Mile Assistance Programme, SRC has successfully facilitated the safe return of multiple MDWs with medical needs, partnering with Red Cross societies in their home countries for further care.

SRC consistently organises a diverse array of activities for MDWs at the CDE shelter and their Wellness Space at Red Cross House. These initiatives encompass a wide range of training programmes, including courses on Dementia Care, Stress Management, and Psychological First Aid.

By actively soliciting feedback from MDWs to identify their interests, SRC also offers creative, recreational, and physical activities such as cardio dance, outings, and sports. Through these programmes, SRC promotes both physical and mental well-being, significantly enhancing the overall wellness of MDWs.

Additionally, these efforts help expand the reach of CDE and SRC, engaging an increasing number of MDWs in their initiatives.

