



SINGAPORE

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Topic - Post corona immigrants and Refugees Status

Singapore is home to about 1.4 million migrant workers who come largely from South and Southeast Asia. As housekeepers, domestic helpers, construction workers and manual labourers, these migrants are essential to keeping Singapore functioning.

As of 17th June 2020, 12pm, MOH, Singapore has confirmed 9780 active cases, 26 deaths & 31000 patients discharged. Since March 17, Singapore's total cases grew from 266 to 12,075. Even as the number of new cases surged past 1,000 a day, only a dozen or so per day were Singapore citizens of permanent residents; the rest were all migrant workers.

To control the spread amongst migrants, the government has attempted to isolate the dormitories, test workers and move symptomatic patients into quarantine facilities. We have deployed **Forward Assurance and Support Teams, or FAST Teams** to support dormitory operators and ensure the well-being of migrant workers. Forward Assurance and Support Teams, or "FAST" teams, comprise officers from the Ministry of Manpower, Singapore Armed Forces and the Singapore Police Force. More than 170 FAST teams have been deployed. This includes 43 teams stationed at all purpose-built dormitories, and 127 mobile FAST teams providing coverage to factory converted dormitories, construction of temporary quarters and private residential premises.

The FAST personnel look into all aspects of the workers' well-being, which is a top priority. This ranges from availability of food and maintenance of hygiene to facilitating their medical care and remittance needs.

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