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OVER 1,100 VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS TO RECEIVE HOUSEHOLD PACKS UNDER ADOPT @ SOUTH WEST PROGRAMME

- **More than 400 ExxonMobil staff volunteers and their families to be involved in the distribution**
- **Household packs specially curated to provide households with daily necessities**

Mr Desmond Lee, Minister for National Development, Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration and Adviser to Boon Lay Grassroots Organisations, and Mr Ang Wei Neng, Vice Chairman of South West Community Development Council, will join over 400 volunteers from ExxonMobil Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd. to distribute household packs to 1,100 vulnerable households in Boon Lay division on Saturday, 9 September 2023. This is the 13th year of partnership between the South West CDC and ExxonMobil on the Household Pack Distribution as part of Adopt @ Boon Lay.

2 This year's Household Pack contains an assortment of essential household items and groceries and food items.

3 "We are appreciative of the unwavering support from partners such as ExxonMobil and the dedication and passion of the volunteers and their families to do good for the community. The Household Packs are timely to help our residents defray

their expenses. It is through such collective efforts that we can strengthen community resilience and build a more caring nation,” said Minister Desmond Lee.

4 Geraldine Chin, Chairman and Managing Director, ExxonMobil Asia Pacific Pte. Ltd. said, “It is a privilege for us to be here every year to serve the Boon Lay community. It is especially meaningful to gather over 400 employees and their family and friends, to give back to society. This year, we are reaching out to more residents, increasing the number of households in our outreach by 10 per cent. We have worked closely with South West CDC in the selection of items for the grocery bags to ensure they meet the residents’ needs. We would like to thank our partners at South West CDC for their close cooperation over the past 20 years, and we look forward to continuing this meaningful initiative for many years to come.”

5 Mr Sreeraj Choorakad, Singapore Resid Upgrade Project Safety Lead at ExxonMobil has been with the company for 17 years. As a seasoned volunteer of the annual Household Pack distribution, having participated more than five times since it began in 2011, Sreeraj strongly encourages his fellow teammates to join him. He shared, “Be the change you want to see in the world’ is one of my favourite quotes by Mahatma Gandhi, and something I strongly believe in. I find a sense of fulfilment in being able to help the less fortunate and in the act of giving, I find myself receiving so much more in return. My family members had joined me on various occasions, and I’m glad they had the opportunity to be involved in such a meaningful activity. Through volunteering, it fosters a sense of compassion and empathy for my children and I hope to inspire others to do so.”

6 2023 marks 130 years of ExxonMobil’s presence in Singapore and 20 years of partnership with the South West CDC. ExxonMobil is committed to making a long-term positive impact in the communities where it operates. Apart from Adopt @ Boon Lay, ExxonMobil has actively given back to the community through the South West CDC – ExxonMobil Transport Bursary to help students from vulnerable families defray their transport expenses. The bursary, matched dollar-by-dollar by the CDC worth \$140,000 will support over 900 students in the South West District this year.

7 Details of the event are as follows:

Event : Annual Household Pack Distribution with ExxonMobil Asia Pacific Pte Ltd, as part of Adopt @ Boon Lay
Date : Saturday, 9 September 2023
Time : 11.40 am to 1.15 pm **(Media is invited at 11.25 am)**
Venue : Multi-Purpose Basketball Court beside Blk 177 Boon Lay Drive Singapore 640177
Guest of Honour : Minister Desmond Lee
Minister for National Development & Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration, and Adviser to Boon Lay Grassroots Organisations
Special Guest : Mr Ang Wei Neng
Vice Chairman of South West CDC

8 The Adopt @ South West programme aims to uplift and enrich the lives of needy and vulnerable residents living in rental flats by reaching out to them and providing social support. This is part of the WeCare Plus @ South West Initiative, which aims to provide holistic assistance to our residents, strengthen the social safety net for the needy and vulnerable, and create a more caring environment for all residents. The suite of programmes is developed to meet the three core needs of Adopt @ South West - namely Social Support and Wellness, Home Care and Maintenance, as well as Education and Enrichment - to enhance the lives of vulnerable residents in the South West District.

9 We would like to invite your reporter and photographer/TV crew to the **Annual Household Pack Distribution with ExxonMobil Asia Pacific Pte Ltd, as part of Adopt @ Boon Lay**. Interviews can be arranged upon request. Please contact our media liaison officer for queries. We look forward to receiving you and your crew/photographer.

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About the South West Community Development Council (CDC)

The South West Community Development Council (CDC) was formed on 24 November 2001.

Through local help programmes, the South West CDC provides assistance to help the less fortunate in our community. The South West CDC also organises projects and programmes to promote community bonding and social cohesion. The South West CDC adopts the "Many Helping Hands" approach to encourage community ownership among residents, community partners and corporations to realise its vision of "Owning Your Community".

Ms Low Yen Ling was appointed the Mayor of South West District on 27 May 2014.

Ms Low is also the Minister of State, Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) & Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) & Adviser to Chua Chu Kang GRC.

For more information, please visit: www.southwest.cdc.gov.sg

Programme

Time	Administrative Programme
11.40 am	Arrival of Mr Ang Wei Neng Vice Chairman of South West CDC
11.45 am	Arrival of Mr Desmond Lee Minister for National Development & Minister-in-charge of Social Services Integration and Adviser to Boon Lay GROs
11.50 am	Welcome Address by Mr Ang Wei Neng
11.55 am	Address by Minister Lee
12.00 pm	Address by Representative from ExxonMobil
12.05 pm	Group Photo Taking
12.10 pm	Door-to-door distribution of Household Packs
1.15 pm	End of Programme <i>*Media doorstop to be arranged, subject to media request.</i>

Each pack consists of the following items:

S/N	Item
1	Rice (2.5kg)
2	Toothbrush (4 pcs)
3	Toothpaste (3 pcs)
4	Milo powder (400g)
5	Bathroom Tissue Roll
6	2-in-1 Instant Kopi O - Less Sugar (26 packets)
7	Soap Bar (3 pcs)
8	Cream Crackers (420g)
9	Dishwashing Liquid Refill (2 pcs)
10	Tissue Paper Packet (3 pcs)