

## Upgrading HDB Flats and Estates

As HDB builds towns and flats to meet the needs and aspirations of Singaporeans, it also constantly refreshes older towns to bring them closer to the standards of newer ones. This is done through a suite of upgrading programmes at the town, neighbourhood, and precinct levels.

### Precinct level

#### Home Improvement Programme (HIP)

The HIP helps flat owners address common maintenance problems related to ageing flats in a systematic and comprehensive manner. There are three main HIP components:

- Essential improvements: Compulsory improvements include repair of spalling concrete and structural cracks, which enhance public health and safety standards. These are fully paid for by the Government.
- Optional improvements: Flat owners can opt for heavily subsidised improvements such as a new grille gate at an additional cost
- Enhancement for Active Seniors (EASE): Seniors can opt for elderly-friendly fittings such as grab bars to enhance their safety and comfort.

### Neighbourhood level

#### Neighbourhood Renewal Programme (NRP)

The NRP focuses on block and precinct improvements, such as improved seating areas at void decks, upgraded playgrounds and landscaping, as well as new pavilions and covered linkways. The programme is fully funded by the Government and implemented by the Town Councils.

### Estate/Town level

#### Remaking our Heartland (ROH)

The ROH programme is a comprehensive rejuvenation blueprint to renew and further develop existing HDB towns and estates. The plans for each town are tailored to meet the needs of the local community and will also capitalise on the distinct characteristics of each area. Some plans include upgrading the Town and Neighbourhood Centres, building new communal spaces, and improving connectivity networks. ROH is fully funded by the Government and implemented by HDB and other Government agencies.

Nine towns and estates had earlier been identified for ROH and some of them have completed their rejuvenation. In 2020, HDB announced four more towns for rejuvenation under the ROH programme (Ang Mo Kio, Choa Chu Kang, Queenstown and Bukit Merah). Engagement sessions with residents are currently being conducted to gather their feedback and discuss ideas for improving their towns.

#### Selective En bloc Redevelopment Scheme (SERS)

SERS is part of the Government's efforts to renew older housing estates. Under SERS, selected precincts with high redevelopment value are acquired by the Government. SERS allows for new buildings and facilities to be introduced into the estate and helps to inject vibrancy into the area. SERS residents are offered the opportunity to move into a new flat with a fresh 99-year lease, with better design and modern facilities.