Defence community efforts against Covid-19

More than 6,000 servicemen and women from the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF), Ministry of Defence (Mindef), and related organisations have been mobilised in the national fight against Covid-19, said Defence Minister Ng Eng Hen ahead of SAF Day tomorrow. Here is a breakdown of what they have done.

FRONT-LINE OPERATIONS

- SAF is part of the inter-agency task force to take care of migrant workers in dormitories.

- It also runs seven contact tracing centres to support the Health Ministry.

- 2,200 Mindef and SAF personnel took part in three rounds of mask distribution.

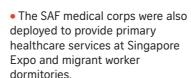- SAF personnel were deployed to conduct temperature screening at Changi Airport.

PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE

- Facilities set up by the defence community have contributed almost 10,000 beds and provided care for more than 29,000 patients.

- These include six SAF camps converted into community recovery facilities with more than 5,000 beds, and a repurposed Changi Exhibition Centre housing about 4,400 patients.

- The SAF medical corps were also deployed to provide primary healthcare services at Singapore Expo and migrant worker dormitories.

USING TECHNOLOGY

- Defence Science and Technology Agency designed face shields to provide an additional layer of protection for front-line personnel.

- Mobile swab stations were developed to increase safety and efficiency of testing workers at dormitories.

- Self-check temperature kiosks to be rolled out at 70 public transport stations and interchanges