

Daughters Of Tomorrow Partners with Futuremakers by Standard Chartered to Empower Young Women through Y.E.S.

Daughters Of Tomorrow (DOT) is proud to be a grant recipient of Futuremakers by Standard Chartered (Futuremakers) – the bank’s global youth economic empowerment initiative to tackle inequality and promote greater economic inclusion.

This marks the beginning of a meaningful three-year partnership (2025-2028) through DOT’s latest initiative – Youth Employment for Success (Y.E.S.) – and reflects a shared commitment to economic inclusion and the empowerment of young women through sustainable career pathways.

A Shared Purpose: Tackling Inequality Through Opportunity

Globally, 282 million youth are not in employment, education, or training (NEET)[1] with more than 60% living in markets where Standard Chartered operates. Among them, young women are 1.5 times more likely to be unemployed than young men. Addressing this disparity lies at the core of Futuremakers by Standard Chartered, a global initiative launched in 2019 to empower disadvantaged youth—particularly women—by creating 140,000 jobs by 2030 through entrepreneurship and employability programmes.

This mission aligns closely with DOT’s own: to advance economic mobility for women from Singapore’s lower-income communities, with a deep focus on confidence-building, employability, and long-term stability. DOT’s work addresses the unique challenges faced by women who have been out of the workforce, manage caregiving duties, or possess educational qualifications at the diploma level or below.

Patrick Lee, CEO for Singapore and ASEAN markets at Standard Chartered, iterated his support for this partnership: “As an international bank with over 160 years of presence in Singapore, we are deeply committed to uplifting economic participation, especially amongst under-served communities. This three-year Y.E.S programme with DOT is a fitting way for us to mark SG60 as we partner the community to help young women in Singapore improve their economic skills and prospects, empowering them to build brighter, more secure futures for themselves and their families.”

A New Frontier: Supporting Young Women Before They Fall Through the Cracks

Beginning in 2025, DOT will expand its focus upstream to engage and support younger women at the point of graduation, especially those at risk of falling into long-term unemployment. By offering interventional support at earlier life stages, DOT aims to reduce the mental and emotional load these young women often carry and equip them to make informed, empowered decisions about their futures.



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Delivered in a holistic and integrated manner, the Y.E.S. programme will help young women gain the skills, confidence, and resources they need to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty.

Shared Vision for Impact: Empowering the Next Generation of Women

With support from Futuremakers, DOT will strengthen and scale the Y.E.S. programme over the next three years by:

- Building confidence and agency in young women while increasing their capacity to work through targeted job readiness training and wraparound services
- Connecting work-ready women to stable employment with career progression pathways
- Providing post-employment support to ensure retention, advancement, and improved well-being

“We are incredibly excited about this partnership with Futuremakers by Standard Chartered,” said Kaylee Kua, Executive Director of DOT. “Their commitment to empowering young women aligns perfectly with our mission to break cycles of poverty through sustainable employment. This grant will amplify our efforts to deliver tailored, transformative support—helping women not just find jobs, but build meaningful, sustainable livelihoods for themselves and their families.”

Looking Ahead: Collective Action for Inclusive Growth

This strategic partnership will enable DOT to expand the reach and deepen the impact of the Y.E.S. programme, ensuring more young women in Singapore gain access to dignified employment opportunities – ultimately contributing to a more inclusive and prosperous society.

[1] Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022, International Labour Organization (<https://www.ilo.org/media/371476>)

Join Us in Creating Change

Organisations interested in partnering or supporting the Y.E.S. programme are invited to connect with us at empower@daughtersoftomorrow.org. Together, we can help the next generation of women rise with dignity, purpose, and opportunity.