

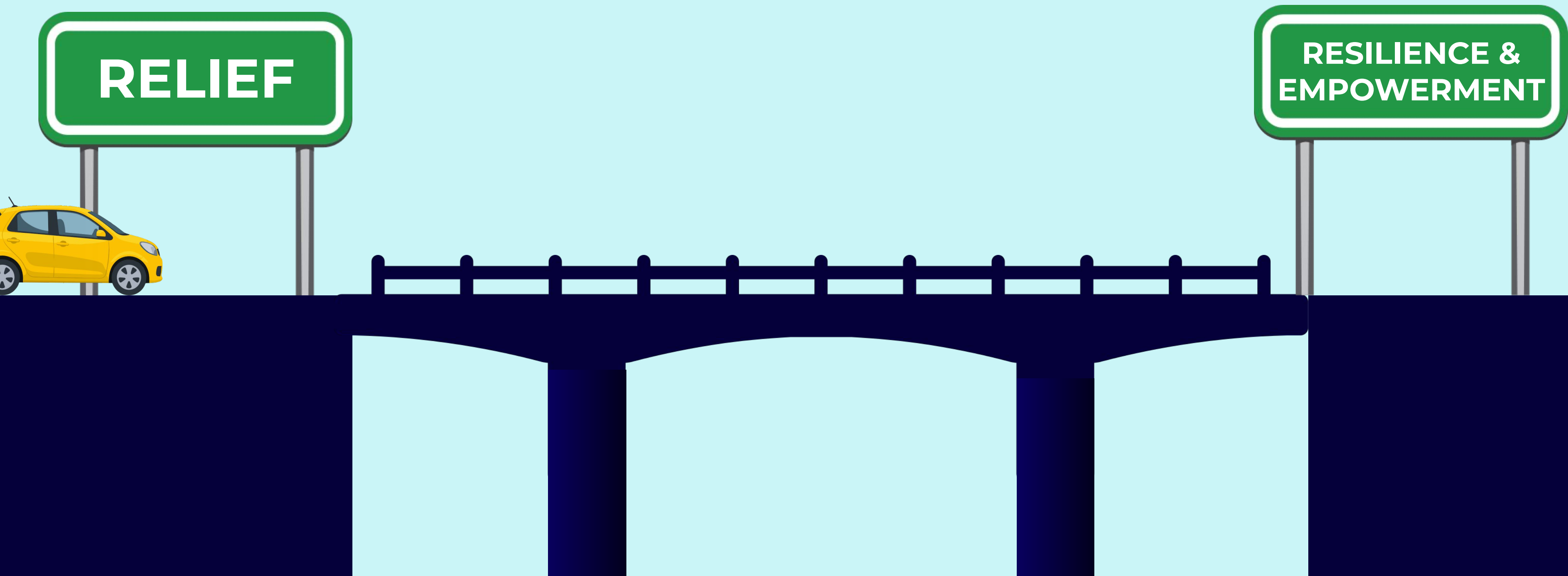
SOCIAL PROTECTION AS PLATFORM FOR EMPOWERMENT

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Social protection is also about giving people the **means and opportunities** to build a **better tomorrow**.



ASEAN recognized social protection as a human investment.

ASEAN Declaration on Advancing Social Protection Towards a People-Centered Community



Reaffirms commitment of ASEAN in pursuing social protection, noting the current and emerging risks and trends in the region



Encourages the development of a successor regional plan of action in view of the new priorities of ASEAN Member States, particularly in strengthening social protection services, improving accessibility for migrant workers, promoting shock-responsive and climate-adaptive social protection



Social protection sets the opportunity for

PEOPLE TO BE CO-CREATORS OF SOLUTIONS

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SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS



**PROTECT PEOPLE
FROM IMMEDIATE
RISKS**



**STRENGTHEN THEIR
CAPACITY TO
WITHSTAND AND
RECOVER FROM
FUTURE SHOCKS**



**CREATE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR
THEM TO PARTICIPATE,
DEVELOP THEIR
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OWN FUTURES**

LET US CHALLENGE OURSELVES TO SEE SOCIAL PROTECTION NOT ONLY AS A RESPONSE TO VULNERABILITY, BUT AS AN INVESTMENT IN PEOPLE'S CAPABILITIES AND ASPIRATIONS.