

FEAD Citizen Summary (reporting summary 2014)

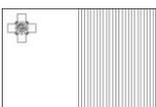
The Fund for the European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) 2014 – 2020 aims to assist families that are most in need.

During 2014, Malta's focus was to finalise the negotiations with the Commission on how Malta will achieve this objective. The agreement from the Commission on Malta's proposal was received on 11th December 2014. During the preparatory stages, the Ministry for Family and Social Solidarity (MFSS) was identified as the Ministry that will be coordinating the implementation of such aid. Subsequently, MFSS issued a tender for the purchasing of food as well as issued a Call for Partner Organisations who are intended to assist in the distribution of the food packages. The evaluation of these two calls is expected to be finalised in 2015.

FEAD will focus exclusively on food deprivation and it will target households in need, particularly those having children and the elderly. The budget allocated is of around €4.6 million, over a period of seven (7) years. Through this aid and other actions implemented at a national level, Malta set a national target¹ to lift around 6,560 persons out of risk of poverty by 2020.

Malta recognizes that food deprivation does not only result in medical problems but is regarded also as a social problem. A poor diet in adults and children has a long-term impact on both the educational achievements of children as well as the ability for adults to hold a job.

Complementing the support as regards to food deprivation, Malta shall be offering a number of actions focusing on providing knowledge, assistance and advice on how a household can maximize its use of food with regards to health and nutrition in an optimal manner. The overall aim of these measures is to help those in need to achieve a better standard of living.



Food Support to the Most Deprived Persons in Malta
Operational Programme 2014- 2020
Programme part-financed by the European Union
Fund for the European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD)
Co-financing rate: 85% EU Funds; 15% National Funds



¹ National Target set was agreed with the Commission