

FEAD Citizen Summary (reporting summary 2017)

The Fund for the European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) 2014 – 2020 in Malta focuses exclusively on food assistance and is aimed at helping the most vulnerable, thus enabling the reduction of poverty.

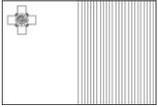
For the year 2017, three distributions took place, in February, June and October. More than 13,000 persons including children and dependants received food support. Depending on the situation of each household, the eligible recipient can receive either one or two packages, that is, receiving between 45 and 65 items. A total of 12,145 packages were distributed throughout the year under review.

Similar to 2016, the Partner Organisation (FSWS) has implemented various accompanying measures, however, for the year under review, these measures were further enhanced, namely through the collaboration with the National Literacy Agency (NLA), where following the third distribution, the NLA introduced the 'Read With Me' sessions for children aged 3 and younger. The PO hosted some of these sessions within its LEAP centres where the aim of such measures is to entice parents to read with their children, even though they are still at a tender age. 2017 has also seen collaborations with Malta Enterprise, the LEAP2ENTERPRISE, as well as enhanced collaboration with the Water and Energy Agency, where over 250 FEAD households had one of their appliances exchanged for free with a brand-new appliance. Furthermore, during 2017 some of the most vulnerable families benefitted from the delivery of second-hand furniture, clothing and other household goods.

In addition to the above, the PO opened another LEAP centre in Mosta which is equipped with clothing, uniforms and childcare goods to be given free of charge to those who are referred. Furthermore, during the three distributions held, a selection of clothing was made available in various collection centres so that those in need may benefit from such an offer. All LEAP personnel engaged in seeking donated second-hand goods, upload images and details of such material on a closed online portal so that those in need of such requirements are matched. Such schemes and other initiatives are also planned to be re-issued in 2018.

During the third distribution of 2017, a Structured Survey on End Recipients was carried out. Officers from the National Statistics Office conducted questionnaires with eligible participants at the distribution centres in order to gather information on the household, income, opinions etc. The interviews were held on a voluntary basis; however, the response was positive. The final report is to be submitted to the Commission in 2018.

The Programme continues to strive to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of the most-deprived.



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