

## FEAD Citizen Summary (reporting summary 2015)

The Fund for the European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) 2014 – 2020 aims to assist families that are most in need. The FEAD in Malta, will focus exclusively on food deprivation and it will target households in need, particularly those having children and the elderly.

Following the formal approval of the FEAD OP by the Commission on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014, the Ministry for the Family and Social Solidarity (MFSS), as the Intermediate Body (IB) for FEAD, was mainly responsible for launch of the tender for the purchasing of food and the Call for Partner Organisation/s, who are intended to assist in the distribution of the food packages. By end of year, both the Partner Organisation and the contractor to supply the food items were selected. Subsequently all the preparatory work by both the Managing Authority (MA) for the FEAD OP and MFSS was carried out to ensure an effective road map for the 1<sup>st</sup> distribution of food that happened in January 2016.

The Foundation for Social Welfare Services (FSWS) was selected as the Partner Organisation (PO). FSWS is a public body which was established in 1998 with the responsibility in the field of social services; and aims to provide community services and be able to work closely among the local community and enhance its participation in everyday life. FSWS offers community services and has links with various major entities such as parishes, local councils and the Housing Authority. The organisation has previous experience in both EU and national projects.

In addition to the food assistance, the Partner Organisation 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. During 2015, the MFSS also held various discussions with FSWS in relation to the implementation of such accompanying measures. In fact, the PO has committed itself to offer various measures which will be implemented in 2016. The overall objective is to elevate families that are most in need out of poverty.

