



FEAD Citizen Summary (reporting summary 2018)

The Fund for the European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) 2014 – 2020 aims at helping the most vulnerable through food support.

During 2018, three (3) distributions took place in February, June and October. More than 10,000 persons, including children, benefitted from the support provided by the FEAD programme. As in the past, the head of a household may be eligible to collect either one (1) or two (2) packages, depending on the household's situation. In the same year around 11,200 boxes were distributed.

The Partner Organisation (FSWS) continued the implementation of existing accompanying measures but has also introduced new measures, such as community development exercises which were carried out to identify community needs and assist in carrying out repair works to common areas as well as to facilitate neighbourhood communication. Another initiative, entitled *Holqa* aimed at organising family activities in different neighbourhoods, composed mostly of games, crafts and healthy eating for the families that participated. This initiative took place in conjunction with the NGO *Third World Group*. The LEAP centres also hosted information sessions on various topics including, but not limited to, positive parenting, literacy classes, child nutrition, breast cancer awareness, home economics and food handling courses.

The PO resumed household profiling and referred families to services according to their particular needs, such as the provision of school uniforms and books, social security, white goods, housing and various other services. In 2018, around 3,200 families consented to the profiling exercise.

In the same year, more than 2,000 families were identified as potential beneficiaries of the social housing scheme and were referred to the respective department, while the enhanced collaboration with the National Literacy Agency, Malta Enterprise and Jobsplus has facilitated referrals by the PO.

In the year under review, considering the activities implied, it is clear that the FEAD Programme continues to help those most at risk of poverty and social exclusion.

