

FEAD Citizen Summary (reporting summary 2019)

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

In 2019 the main activities undertaken by the FEAD Programme related to the 3 food distributions of food packages held in February, June and October, during which 10,849 persons including children and dependents received food support through 9,870 food packages amounting to 143.04 tonnes of food items. Depending on the situation of each household, the eligible recipients received either one or two packages, that is, receiving either a package of 10.17kg or 16.39kg of food items. By the end of 2019, 13 distributions of food were conducted from the start of the programme, reaching 51,576 persons (representing all persons of households supported) with 46,992 food packages distributed cumulatively.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Intermediate body (MFCS) and the Partner Organisation (FSWS) strengthened their collaboration to ensure that all vulnerable persons are supported. For the fourth consecutive year, the PO collaborated with several stakeholders to offer various schemes/activities/initiatives to FEAD beneficiaries. Throughout all FEAD distributions LEAP personnel guide and support FEAD end-recipients whilst encouraging them to attend accompanying measures initiatives according to their needs and requirements. Regular meetings were held with the Housing Authority, Banking Institutions, Foundation for Educational Services (FES), and the National Literacy Agency (NLA), Local Councils and various non-government organisations working specifically with the vulnerable cohort.

The PO also assisted vulnerable individuals through several measures intended to support such household to be independent, such as the setting up of own sustainable business through the LEAP2ENTERPRISE scheme supported by Malta Enterprise. During the year under review, a FEAD beneficiary successfully benefitted from the LEAP2ENTERPRISE scheme and opened her own business. She was also considered by the European Commission as an example of best practice of Equal Opportunities and Access to the Labour Market. A short video clip entitled supporting entrepreneurs in Malta was featured on the European Commission's website¹.

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

¹ <https://audiovisual.ec.europa.eu/en/video/I-181816> and https://europa.eu/investeu/projects/guiding-citizens-out-poverty-and-work_en

