

FEAD Citizen Summary (2022)

The Fund for the European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) 2014 – 2020 aims at helping the most vulnerable through food support with an investment of €4,640,777.00 with a co-financing rate of 85%.

In 2022, three (3) food distributions of food packages were held in March, July/August and November. In addition, in April and September 2022, a re-distribution of uncollected food packages was carried out in line with the OP to category 2 beneficiaries i.e households having 2 or more children below the age of 16 with an income not exceeding 80% of National Minimum Wage. This was done in order to assist as much as possible the most deprived. In addition, in order to mitigate against the effect of the increase in prices on vulnerable families due to the covid-19 pandemic and the effects of the war in Ukraine, as from the 21st distribution the Intermediary Body supplied end beneficiaries with additional food packages. Households who used to be eligible to receive 2 packages were now entitled to receive 3 packages whilst households eligible to receive 3 packages were now entitled to receive 4 food packages.

During the year under review the Managing Authority commissioned the National Statistics Office (NSO) to carry out the structured survey which was actually conducted during the 21st distribution. From this survey it resulted that the end beneficiaries from the Fund for the European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) were mainly females, 75%. The majority of the beneficiaries, 92%, had received the same assistance at least once before and during the years 2020 and 2021. The survey also found that from the list of food items delivered the top 5 type of food consumed the most are tuna, pasta, rice, tomatoe pulp and coffee.

During the year under review, 18,718 food packages containing 174.65 tonnes of food were distributed to support 9,429 persons (5,345 females) including children. From the start of the programme, 22 distributions of food were conducted reaching 85,921 persons (49,654 females) (representing all persons of households, some of whom supported more than once) with 86,823 food packages distributed cumulatively.

A number of accompanying measures took place in 2022 by the Partner Organisation. Some of the accompanying measures carried out in 2022 which were successfully completed include a variety of informative and innovative sessions to engage with beneficiaries. Amongst the different courses offered the most popular sessions were: Parenting skills course, cooking lessons, First Aid courses, Reading Sessions, weekly lessons in the Maltese language (Sagħtejn Malti), Family workshops and childcare courses.

During the year under review, collaboration between the different stakeholders was very strong in the day-to-day implementation of the FEAD programme, mainly focusing on the organisation of the structured survey as well as other day-to-day organisation to ensure the smooth running of operations to support the most deprived in their needs. This collaboration will continue to flourish in the coming year to ensure the success of food distributions whilst ensuring a smooth process towards the closure of operations under this programming period in 2023.



European Union

Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived