

# LEAP ESF PROJECT FEAD MALTA

## *Addressing Poverty* **TOGETHER**

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# The main objective of the ESF funded LEAP project was the reaching out to the most vulnerable within society

**Poverty** is a complex societal issue.  
A multifaceted **concept**, which include social, economic, and political elements.

The best way to tackle/eradicate poverty is through **Empowerment**  
**EDUCATION / EMPLOYMENT / WELFARE SERVICES**



poverty



# The ESF Funded project LEAP had as its main objectives:

- Strengthening Social Capital to promote Social Mobility through Collaboration and Mentoring
- Networking within the Social Welfare Sector
- Strengthening the Voluntary Sector
- Contributing towards more Sustainable Communities whilst enhancing the quality of services
- Focusing on the aim to reduce poverty





# The ESF LEAP project implemented:

- Supporting the vulnerable to find suitable employment
- Produced a Network Directory of all Social Stakeholders per locality
- Supported financially the Voluntary Sector that hosted project participants
- Instituted regional social network meetings
- Supported various initiatives reaching to most deprived (thus FEAD).



# FEAD IN MALTA

## Supporting the most deprived

Partner Organisation – availing of the expertise and experience gained from an ESF project LEAP (2015-2016), was fully mainstreamed into a new fully nationally funded Agency within FSWS focusing specifically on community work – reaching out to the most deprived mainly through FEAD (EU/MT) and SFFD (MT) reaching out to over 25,000 families annually

Project being led by the:



MINISTRY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND  
SOLIDARITY, THE FAMILY AND  
CHILDREN'S RIGHTS





**The food package is our first contact!**

**The follow-up is what greatly matters**

MAIN OBJECTIVE:  
Independence of benefits





**LEAP (ESF Project) transformed  
our operations to find innovative  
ways to tackle poverty**



**If we do not fall in love  
with the process we will  
never owe the results!**



# Collaboration & Synergy



Over 90 Maltese stakeholders working together and reaching out to the most vulnerable





# Profiling

Consent sought and visits carried out to over 3,200 FEAD families. Family profiles/ SWOT analysis compiled and recommendations offered. 8,870 FEAD family members profiled.

**Over 18,000 profiles carried out**  
**Disability; FEAD; Housing Authority;**  
**Social Bank Loans;**  
**Water & Energy Agency.**

## AREAS COVERED

Demographic

Educational

Family Structure

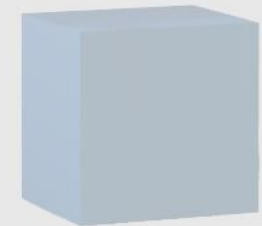
Skills / competences

Assistance required



# Actual Causes of Poverty (outcome from profile)

- Mismanagement of limited funds (HOME VISITS – budgeting)
- Dwelling Rental expenses (Bank loan schemes – Housing Authority profile)
- Illnesses / Disability within the family
- Lack of family planning / single parents (Positive parenting courses)
- Benefit Trap (Close collaboration with Social Security Services)
- Past criminal activities / conduct (LEAP2Enterprise Scheme)
- Addictions (gambling, alcohol & drugs)



# Accompanying Measures

**PROFILING – knowing clients (as much as possible)**

**Collaboration with major stakeholders**

**Ministries / Government entities / NGOs**

- Water & Energy Agency – white goods' exchange
- MaltaEnterprise – 9 referred €25K grants
- Education & Employment institutions
- Social Security Department
- Housing Authority - profiling
- Banks Loan schemes – 10% initial waiver
- National Literacy Agency – book distribution / courses



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# THANK YOU!

