



«Baby's Dowry»



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This Project is co-funded by the **Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) of the European Union and the Republic of Cyprus** within the framework of the Operational Programme of Cyprus for the “Basic Food and/or Material Assistance to the most deprived”, for the period 2014-2020.

Project Description:

Within the framework of the “Food and/or Basic Material Assistance to the most deprived” Operational Programme of Cyprus, **the Social Welfare Services are implementing the Project “Baby’s Dowry”, which is co-funded by the European Union’s Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived and the Republic of Cyprus.**

The Project’s budget is estimated at **€3.600.000** for the financial period 2014-2020 period.

Through the Project, the beneficiaries will receive the Baby’s Dowry packet, consisting of specific items for their infants such as: stroller, crib, baby mattress, baby bath tub, baby change mat, etc.

Project Objectives:

This Project aims to:

- (a) Reduce material deprivation, enhance social inclusion measures and reduce the risk of social exclusion of the beneficiaries and especially of their children.
- (b) Provide better living conditions for the end recipients and support the newborns’ healthy growth.
- (c) Alleviate the worst forms of poverty and social exclusion in accordance with the “Europe 2020” Strategy.





Benefit Recipients-Participations Criteria:

Families who can benefit from this Project are those who **have a child/children that was/were born on 01.01.2017 and onwards** and meet the following criteria:

- (a) They are entitled to the Minimum Guaranteed Income (EEE) or they are Public Assistance Recipients; or
- (b) They face serious material deprivation problems, which will be evaluated by the Social Welfare Services.

Procedure:

Families interested in participating in this Project must meet the criteria listed above and must fill in an **Application Form for admission to this Project**. The Application Form must include the following certificates:

- (a) Copies of the end recipients' Identification Card(s)/Alien Registration Number(s).
- (b) An original report or a certified copy of the report signed by a gynecologist, which states the expected date of birth.
- (c) Copy of the birth certificate of the child/children (if the child/children is/are already born).
- (d) Any other evidence requested for evaluation or verification purposes of the status of the applicant families.

Accompanying measures:

Beneficiaries are expected to participate in accompanying measures (informative actions), prior to the date of childbirth. This way, families will be better equipped to overcome any possible challenges and especially to be assisted in providing the essential care, material as well as parental, to their newborns. The accompanying measures are complementary, however they are deemed necessary and useful so as to achieve the main purpose which is tackling social exclusion of the families and in particular of the children.

The **Application Form for admission to this Project** is available on the Social Welfare Services website, www.mlsi.gov.cy/sws and at the following offices:

- **Lakatameia Social Services Office:** 23 Kennedy Street, 2314, Lakatameia, Lefkfosia, Tel. 22608400
- **Zakaki Social Services Office:** 80 Franklin Rousvelt Street, 3012, Lemesos, Tel. 25804539
- **Agioi Anargyroi Social Services Office:** Agioi Anargyroi Avenue, 6301, Larnaka, Tel. 24821080
- **Pafos District Welfare Office:** 17 Nikou Nikolaide Street, 8010, Pafos, Tel. 26821600
- **Ammochostos District Welfare Office:** 170 April 1st Street, 5310, Paralimni, Tel. 23811720

