

NATIONAL STRATEGY

2025-2035

for Poverty Reduction
and Social Inclusion.



Pre-Drafting Consultation Meetings

Working Paper to the National Strategy for Poverty Reduction and Social Inclusion: 2025-2035

Appendix 02

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High-level analysis of proposals submitted in the pre-drafting consultation process

An important part of the methodology applied in the drafting of the National Strategy for Poverty Reduction and Social Inclusion: 2025-2035 (NSPRI: 2025-2035) was the holding of pre-drafting consultation sessions with government departments and agencies as well as Non-Government Organisations (NGO) who play a direct and active role in the poverty and exclusion policy sectors.

Nearly all consultation sessions took place in 2023. Below, a high-level analysis of the measures proposed during these sessions, as recorded by the strategy drafting team of the Strategy and Implementation Division (SID) within the Ministry for Social Policy and Children’s Rights (MSPC), is presented.

The review of all consultation sessions suggests approximately 198 proposed measures. Although care was exercised in identifying and categorising these proposals, a slight margin of error is acknowledged due to potential misclassification. However, this margin does not invalidate the analysed trends. **Figure 01** presents how the measures analysed are categorised.

Figure 01: Categorisation of Measures

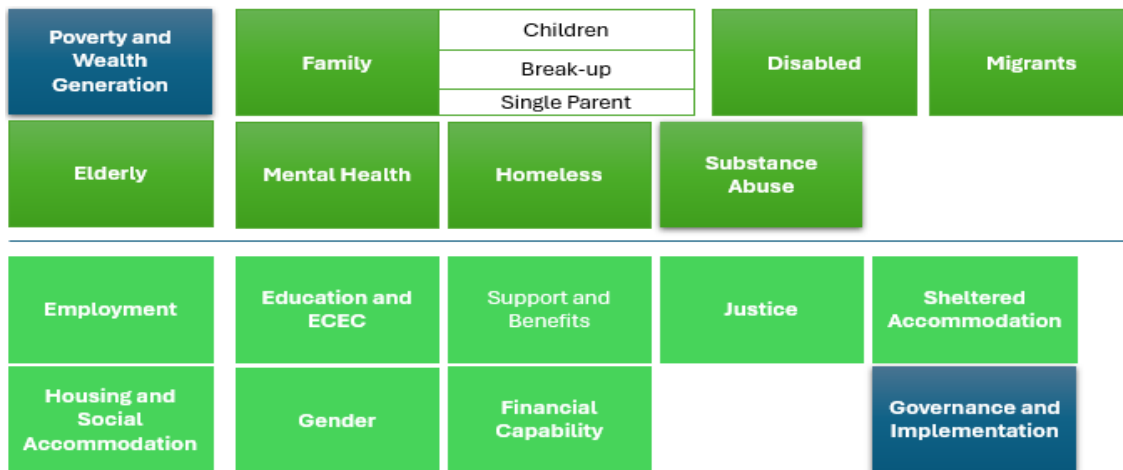


Figure 02 highlights the categories with the highest number of proposed measures. Each category's counts include measures that different stakeholders may have suggested multiple times. The category with the most proposals pertains to education (58), followed closely by measures related to migrants.

Figure 02: Categories with the highest number of proposed measures

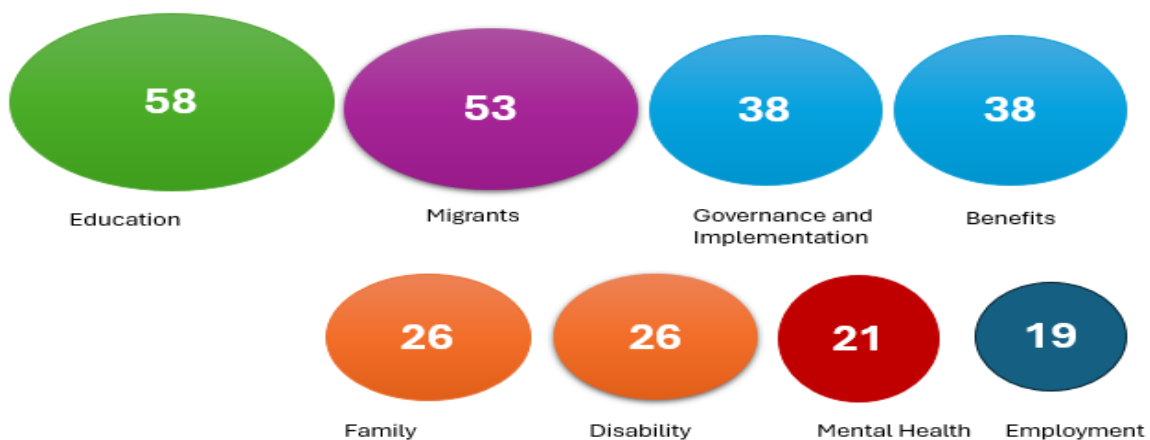


Figure 03 presents the count of different measures proposed for each category. This follows the trend observed in Figure 02, with the Justice category replacing the Employment category at the lowest end.

Figure 03: Categories with the highest number of different proposed measures

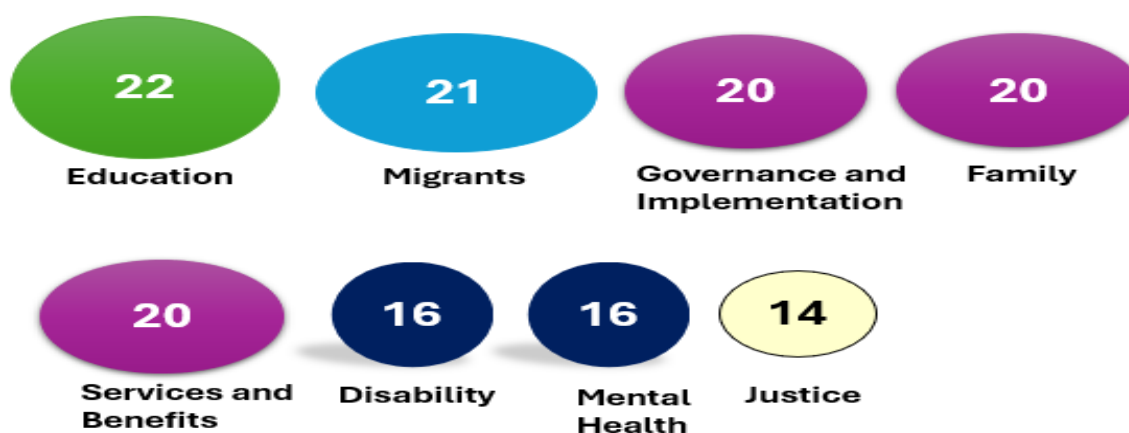


Figure 04 displays the number of measures proposed by various stakeholders. The greatest concern among these stakeholders is the malfunctioning private rental market, which significantly affects low and low-middle-income households that rely on private rental housing. Following this, recommendations emphasise that the NSPRI: 2025-2035 should address poverty and exclusion by considering factors that enhance Malta's social wellbeing, not limited to its economic health. This includes shared values, environmental considerations, and other facets of social capital critical to wealth creation and wellbeing. Concerns about inflation's impact on the cost of living and corresponding countermeasures were also prominently highlighted.

Figure 04: Measures recommended most from the consultation sessions



Pre-drafting consultation sessions were held with the following government stakeholders and NGOs.

- Agency for the Welfare of Asylum Seekers.
- Aġenzija Sapport.
- Aġenzija Żgħażaġh.
- Alleanza Fontra I-Faqar.
- Anti Poverty Forum.
- Archbishop's Curia Commission.
- CARITAS.
- Child Protection Services.
- Commissioner for Children.
- Commissioner for Mental Health.
- Commission for Older Persons.

- Commission for the Rights of Persons with a Disability.
- Department for Quality and Standards in Education.
- Department for Social Security (Contributory benefits).
- Department for Social Security (Non-contributory benefits).
- Directorate for Research, Operations and Policy (Strategy and Implementation Division, Ministry for Social Policy and Children's Rights).
- Education Directorates.
- Faculty for Social Wellbeing.
- Foodbank Life Line.
- Foundation for Social Welfare Services.
- Gemma.
- Gender-Based Violence and Domestic Violence Commission.
- General Workers Union.
- Gozo Regional Development Agency.
- Health Regulation Directorate.
- Housing Authority.
- International Organisation for Migration.
- Kunsill Nażżjonali Anzjani.
- Legal Aid Agency.
- LGBTI+Gozo.
- Malta Federation of Organisations of Persons with Disability.
- Malta Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society.
- Malta LGBTIQ Rights Movement.
- Malta Police Force.
- Malta Refugee Council.
- Mental Health Services.
- Migrants Commission
- Ministry of Finance and the Economy.
- Ministry for Gozo and Planning.
- Ministry for Home Affairs, Security and Employment.
- National Association of Pensioners.
- National Commission for the Promotion of Equality.
- National Commission for Women.
- National Statistics Office.
- Paolo Friere Institute.
- Positive Parenting Group.
- Probation and Parole Directorate.
- Responsible Gaming Foundation.
- Richmond Foundation.
- RiSE.
- Unjoni Haddiema Maltin – Voice of the Workers.
- Victim Support Agency.
- Women for Women.

Focus groups were carried out with:

- Older persons.
- Disabled persons.
- Persons in low income groups.
- Youth leaders.
- Youths from difficult backgrounds.
- Migrants.

