

## ANNUAL FACTSHEET ON EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

This annual factsheet presents statistical information on Early Intervention services funded by MSF/ECDA.

### **Number of Children Assisted Through Support for Developmental Needs**

**Table 1: Number of children served in government funded Early Intervention (EI) programmes for the whole year (by calendar year, 1 January – 31 December)**

EI Programme	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Development Support – Learning Support (DS-LS) and Development Support Plus (DS-Plus) Programmes<sup>1</sup></b>	1,165	1,314	1,433	1,767	2,137	1,875	2,328
<b>Early Intervention Programme for Infants &amp; Children (EIPIC) Programmes<sup>2</sup></b>	2,659	2,876	3,245	3,613	3,696	3,712	3,616

<sup>1</sup> Children who require low levels of EI support can receive support from the DS-LS or DS-Plus Programme served in preschool setting. Children served in DS-LS receive short-term targeted support from three to eight months. Children served in DS-Plus refer to those who have made sufficient progress under EIPIC programme and can now transit to receiving intervention in a preschool setting.

<sup>2</sup> Children who require medium or high levels of EI support can receive support from EIPIC programmes served in Early Intervention (EI) centres.

<sup>3</sup> The slight decrease in enrolment numbers from 2020 to 2021 was due to COVID-19 restrictions.