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Factsheet for case IT-2020-14/531

Urgent measures of food solidarity

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Country	Italy, applies nationwide
Time period	Temporary, started on 30 March 2020
Type	Legislation or other statutory regulation
Category	Measures to prevent social hardship – Provision of services in kind (e.g food vouchers)
Case created	13 April 2020 (updated 03 May 2020)

Background information

The order of the Head of the Civil Protection Department No. 658 of the 29 March 2020 approved the allocation of €400 million to the municipalities to cover urgent measures of food solidarity in the form of direct provision to citizens in need of food products and staple products or vouchers for their purchase. This measure was undertaken as a response to the economic situation resulting from the consequences of the COVID-19 emergency and the lack of other economic support for some segments of the population.

Content of measure

Through an order of the Head of the Civil Protection Department, €400 million were allocated to municipalities in order to support people and families in situation of financial distress due to the economic consequences of the Covid-19 emergency. The funds aim at providing municipalities with the resources needed for the supply of food and staple products to people in need, through their direct provision by the municipalities or the issuing of vouchers to be expended in selected shops. Criteria for the selection of the beneficiaries are left by the ordinance to the single municipalities, which also define the concrete modalities of distribution.

Use of measure

No information available

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
National government Local / regional government	Other workers & citizens	National funds

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	No involvement

Social partners were not involved in the decision making process

Sectors and occupations

This case is not sector-specific.

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 29 March 2020: Ocdpc n.658 del 29 marzo 2020 (www.protezionecivile.gov.it)