

ANNUAL FACTSHEET ON EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

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

Table 1: Number of children served in Government-funded EI programmes for the whole calendar year (1 January – 31 December)

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 ³	2022
Number of children receiving low levels of EI support¹	1,165	1,314	1,433	1,767	2,137	1,875	2,328	2,771
Number of children receiving medium or high levels of EI support²	2,659	2,876	3,245	3,613	3,696	3,712	3,616	4,387

¹ Children who require low levels of EI support can receive support from the Development Support and Learning Support (DS-LS) or Development Support Plus (DS-Plus) programme served in preschool setting. Children served in DS-LS receive short-term targeted support from two to eight months. Children served in DS-Plus refer to those who have made sufficient progress under Early Intervention Programme for Infants and Children (EIPIC) programme and can now transit to receiving intervention in a preschool setting.

² Children who require medium or high levels of EI support can receive support from EIPIC programme, Pilot for Private Intervention Providers (PPIP, renamed as EIPIC-P w.e.f. 1 July 2023) programme and Inclusive Support Programme (InSP). PPIP programme and InSP data are included from 2022.

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