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# Local and Community Development :- Pobal SICAP Supports and Systems



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## INTRODUCTION

- From the work Pobal completes which you saw on the “Infographic”, two services which we offer are particularly relevant to LCDCs:
  - **Programme Management of SICAP**
  - **Work supporting LEADER**
- In both of these roles, Pobal offers a range of materials, advice and tools which aim to allow better and more targeted local service delivery.
- This presentation will primarily use **SICAP** examples, as this process is more advanced.



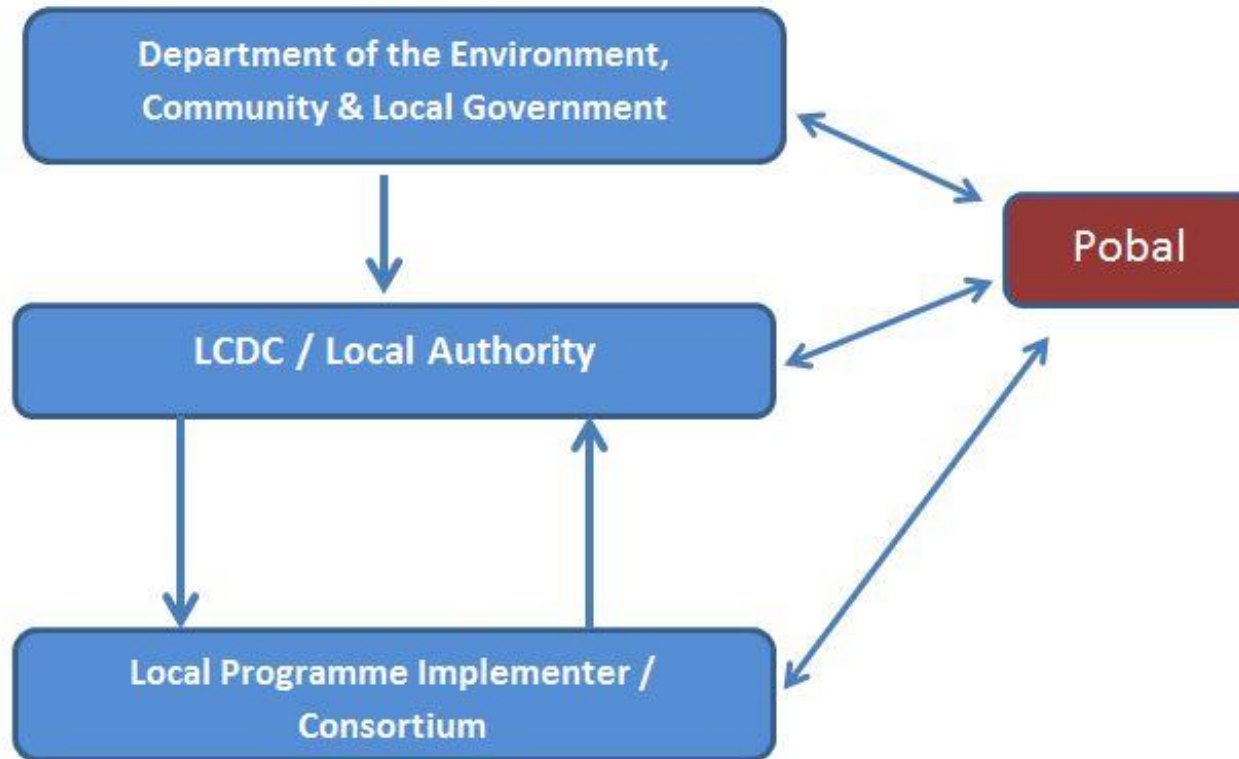
# A QUICK DESCRIPTION OF SICAP

- SICAP is the new national Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme, funded by the DECLG – successor to the *Local and Community Development Programme*
- It aims to tackle poverty, social exclusion and long-term unemployment through local engagement and partnership between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies
- SICAP has three goals focused on: Community Development; Education and Training; and, Employment
- Budget of €28m for 2015 (9 month period) - part funded by ESF/YEI
- SICAP has 9 ‘target’ groups who will be able to access additional supports as they strive to improve their lives

Children and Families from Disadvantaged Areas	Roma
New Communities (including Refugees/Asylum Seekers)	The Unemployed (including those not on the Live Register)
Lone Parents	Travellers
People living in Disadvantaged Communities	Young Unemployed People from Disadvantaged areas
People with Disabilities	



# PROGRAMME OPERATING STRUCTURE



## POBAL SUPPORTS TO SICAP

- Development of Programme Framework and guidelines;
- National Management of Tendering Process;
- Development of Programme Information Technology infrastructure;
- Development of monitoring/reporting processes;
- Financial overview and reporting;
- Provision of reports/information to DECLG and to LCDCs;
- Training and information events.



## PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK AND GUIDELINES

- To allow LCDCs co-ordinate and deliver programmes on behalf of Government, Government must offer LCDCS *clarity* on what they need to deliver and the flexibility/limits available to them.
- The SICAP programme framework offers that clarity, laying out what the programme must achieve, who it targets, the type of work it can fund and what level of outcomes are to be achieved.



# MANAGEMENT OF TENDERING PROCESS

- Following a DECLG decision to tender, Pobal managed the tendering process.
- We took on the technical design, information provision, direct roll-out of the first round etc.
- The roll reduced very significantly the burden on each LCDC, reduced the need for local intensive legal supports and reduced the risk of contractual/tendering legal disputes.
- This in turn allowed LCDCs to focus on their key planning, co-ordination, decision-making and delivery roles.
- From the point of view of an individual LCDC, the need for national consistency and co-ordinated timescales etc brought new challenges.



# INFORMATION SYSTEMS: WHAT WILL POBAL SYSTEMS COLLECT TO ASSIST LCDCS?

- Annual planning – Action details, targets, costs
- Financial reporting – actual costs charged versus annual plan costs
- Payments – payments made by LCDCs to Programme Implementers
- Beneficiary data, supports/outputs & progression
- Performance Monitoring – actual outputs versus targets set at Lot level and Action level
- Individual Beneficiaries - caseload management, tracking of supports, outputs and progression outcomes
- Local Community Groups and Network/Structures - tracking of supports, outputs and outcomes
- Non-caseload adults and Children – details of activities and numbers engaged through SICAP



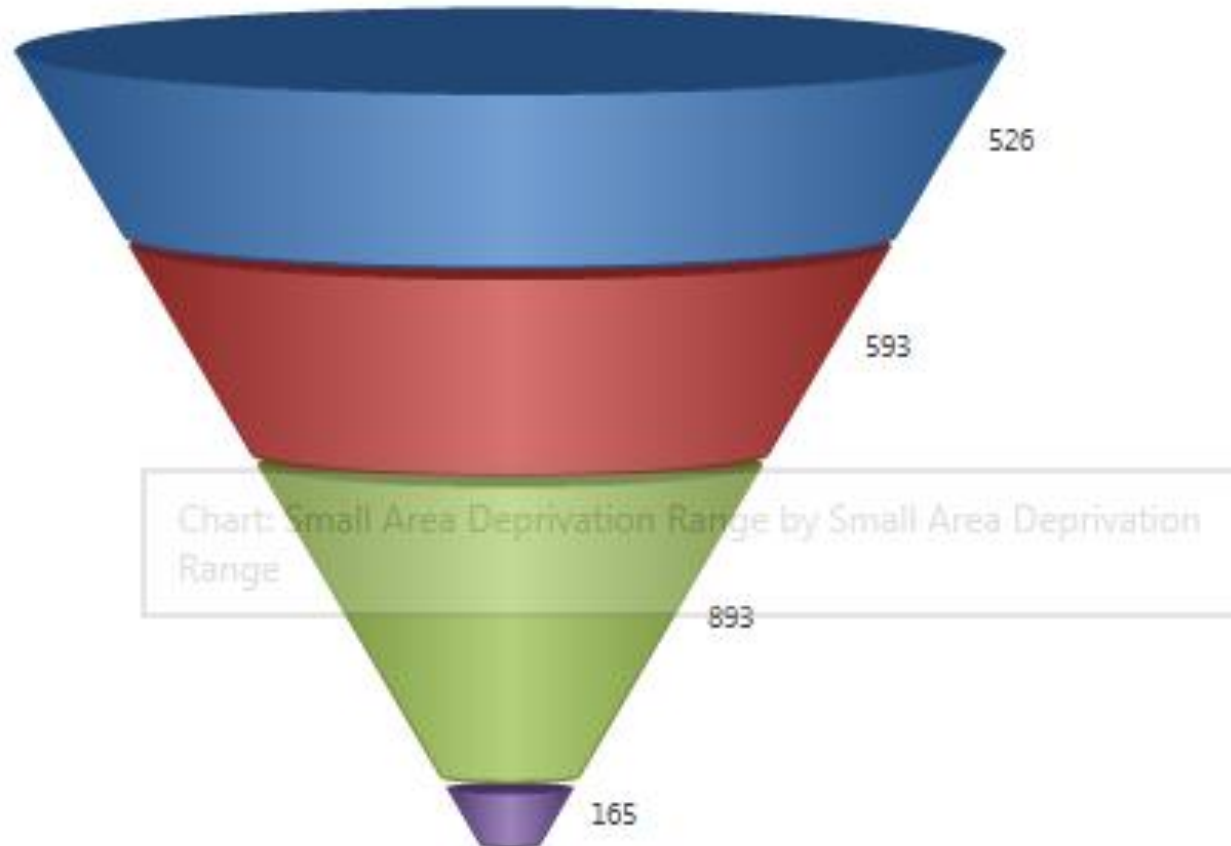


# INDIVIDUAL BENEFICIARY INFORMATION

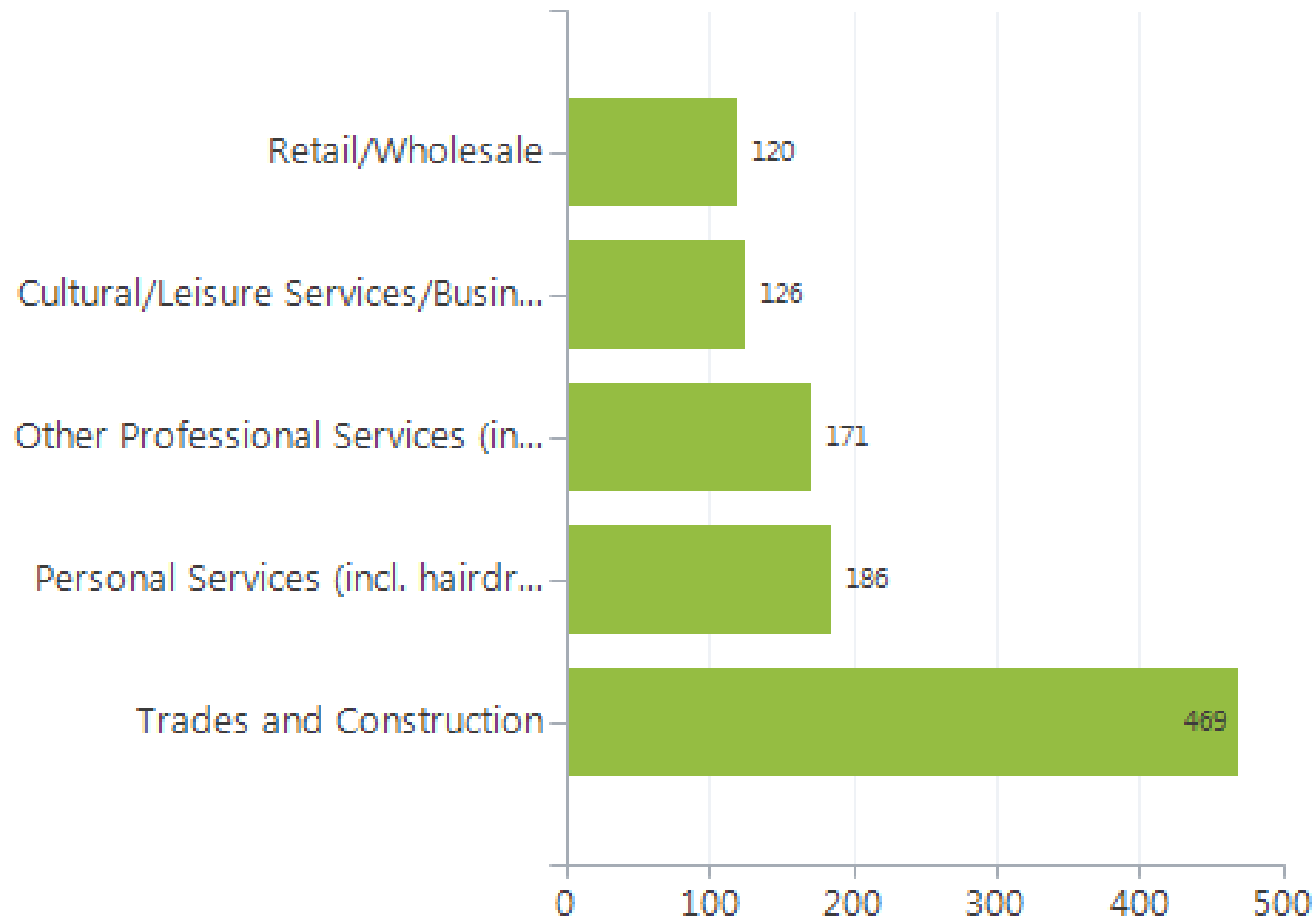
- Address (geocoded and mapped to ED/Small Area and Pobal HP Deprivation Index)
- Age/Age Band, Gender, Highest Level of Educational Attainment, Principal Economic Status, Household Situation, Ethnic/cultural background, Nationality
- Target Group (e.g. Lone Parent, Person with a Disability)
- Type and dates of supports provided – e.g. career advice/guidance, supports to access to education
- Outputs (based on SICAP indicators) – participation in education, progressed into employment
- Outcomes (based on SICAP indicators) - higher level of educational attainment, still in employment after 6 months



# REPORTING: EXAMPLE: INDIVIDUAL BENEFICIARIES BY POBAL HP DEPRIVATION INDEX RANGE



# REPORTING EXAMPLE: INDIVIDUAL PROGRESSED INTO SELF-EMPLOYMENT BY BUSINESS SECTOR



## TRAINING AND INFORMATION EVENTS

- Pobal will provide a range of programme-specific supports to LCDCs to allow them better understand roles, systems, expectations, standards etc.
- In SICAP Pobal has/is offering:
  - Events for tenderers and LCDCs to support the tendering process
  - A weekly “Q+A” system to offer answers to all tenderers on their issues
  - Events and materials for LCDCs on the roll-out of programme delivery
  - Events and materials for successful tenderers on the technical aspects of their upcoming work.



## CONCLUSION

- A range of supports will be available to LCDCs to assist in their co-ordination of Local Development work;
- Pobal has a specific remit to provide tools and supports for the key SICAP and LEADER programmes;
- As we all move into our new roles within the delivery of these programmes, we hope to work closely with you to hone and refine the tools available, to ensure maximum benefits for the communities we serve.

