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Roscommon Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) requested tenders for the SICAP Programme for County Roscommon for the period from 1st April 2015 to 31st December 2017 at the end of 2014. The successful tender was received from Roscommon LEADER Partnership Company. The contract between Roscommon LCDC, Roscommon County Council and Roscommon LEADER Partnership Company was signed on 25th March 2015. Roscommon LEADER Partnership Company has a strong track record of delivering the previous social inclusion programme (Local Community Development Programme) throughout the county and are well placed to deliver the new programme. SICAP will be monitored and managed by the LCDC locally and is funded by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government.

The aim of the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is to reduce poverty and promote social inclusion and equality through local, regional and national engagement and collaboration. Its vision is to improve the life chances and opportunities of those who are marginalised in society, living in poverty or in unemployment through community development approaches, targeted supports and interagency collaboration, where the values of equality and inclusion are promoted and human rights are respected.

The individuals assisted will include the most vulnerable in society who are unable or unlikely to access mainstream supports. The following are the groups to be engaged in SICAP services:

The SICAP being delivered by Roscommon LEADER Partnership will also offer support to young people, older people and rural men living in disadvantaged areas;

- Children and families living in disadvantaged areas
- Lone parents
- New communities (including refugees/asylum seekers)
- People living in disadvantaged communities
- People with disabilities
- Roma
- The unemployed (including those not on the Live Register)
- Travellers
- Young unemployed people living in disadvantaged areas

The programme takes a dual approach to promoting social inclusion by targeting both identified communities of need (area-based) and individuals of need (issue-based).