

**BUILDRES Project****Project number: 2024-2-CY01-KA220-YOU-000295718****EU COUNTRIES DESK RESEARCH****Partner organisation: CCIF CYPRUS****Research on: Cyprus****Country overview**

As of 1 January 2025, Cyprus' population is about 0.979 million (979.2 thousand). Cyprus is facing below-replacement fertility: Eurostat reports a total fertility rate (TFR) of 1.40 in 2023 (with Malta the EU low at 1.06). These trends make family policy and childcare capacity especially relevant for work–life balance, particularly for parents of very young children.

Cyprus' healthcare context matters too: the country introduced GeSY (General Healthcare System) in 2019, which provides universal coverage and is a major pillar supporting maternal, child, and family healthcare access. On the work–family side, Cyprus provides a Parental Leave Benefit for eligible parents, with duration typically 8–14 weeks depending on circumstances (including multiple births). For broader family support, families can apply for Child Benefit (and a Single Parent Family Benefit).

Childcare and early education are organised as a split system: day nurseries/childminders (younger ages) fall under the Ministry of Labour/Welfare/Social Insurance, while pre-primary is part of the education pathway under the education authorities. A practical affordability lever is Cyprus' tuition subsidy scheme for children up to age 4, designed to reduce monthly nursery/kindergarten fees for eligible families. Emergency assistance is available via 112 (EU-wide).

<b>Name of the organisation</b>	Social Welfare Services — Child Benefit (Επίδομα Τέκνου)
<b>Short Description (Around 300 characters)</b>	Government service handling applications and information for Cyprus' Child Benefit, supporting eligible families with dependent children.
<b>Country</b>	Cyprus
<b>Mail</b>	<a href="mailto:grants@wbas.dmsw.gov.cy">grants@wbas.dmsw.gov.cy</a>
<b>Phone</b>	1450



<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.gov.cy/en/service/child-benefit-and-single-parent-family-benefit/">https://www.gov.cy/en/service/child-benefit-and-single-parent-family-benefit/</a>
<b>Address</b>	Themistokli Dervi 46, 1066 Nicosia
<b>Name of the organisation</b>	SPAVO — Emotional Support Line (Association for the Prevention and Handling of Violence in the Family)
<b>Short Description (Around 300 characters)</b>	Free emotional support and counselling helpline; listening, guidance, and referral to services for people in distress or crisis.
<b>Country</b>	Cyprus
<b>Mail</b>	<a href="mailto:info@domviolence.org.cy">info@domviolence.org.cy</a>
<b>Phone</b>	116 123 (emotional support line) - 1440 (helpline)
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://domviolence.org.cy/en/category/ypiresies/">https://domviolence.org.cy/en/category/ypiresies/</a>
<b>Address</b>	20422, 2152 Nicosia, Cyprus
<b>Name of the organisation</b>	Cyprus Family Planning Association (CFPA)
<b>Short Description (Around 300 characters)</b>	National family planning organization providing sexual and reproductive health education, awareness, and support services (incl. contraception information and counseling pathways).
<b>Country</b>	Cyprus
<b>Mail</b>	<a href="mailto:info@cfpa.org.cy">info@cfpa.org.cy</a>
<b>Phone</b>	00357-22751093
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.familyplanning.org.cy/">https://www.familyplanning.org.cy/</a>
<b>Address</b>	Residence No. 41, Presidential Palace Area, 1080, Nicosia, Cyprus
<b>Name of the organisation</b>	Health Insurance Organisation (HIO) — GeSY information



<b>Short Description (Around 300 characters)</b>	Official body for Cyprus' General Healthcare System (GeSY), providing information on coverage, access, and system organisation.
<b>Country</b>	Cyprus
<b>Mail</b>	<a href="mailto:info@gesy.org.cy">info@gesy.org.cy</a>
<b>Phone</b>	17000
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.gesy.org.cy/sites/Sites?d=Desktop&amp;locale=en_US&amp;lookuphost=/en-us/&amp;lookuppage=home-en">https://www.gesy.org.cy/sites/Sites?d=Desktop&amp;locale=en_US&amp;lookuphost=/en-us/&amp;lookuppage=home-en</a>
<b>Address</b>	Klimentos 17-19, 1061, Nicosia - P.O.B. 26765, 1641 Nicosia, Cyprus
<b>Name of the organisation</b>	Deputy Ministry of Social Welfare - Tuition Subsidy Scheme for children up to 4 years-old (Childcare subsidy)
<b>Short Description (Around 300 characters)</b>	Public scheme that reduces monthly nursery/kindergarten fees for children up to 4 years old, supporting families and access to childcare services (eligibility criteria and online application via government portal).
<b>Country</b>	Cyprus
<b>Mail</b>	<a href="mailto:children@wbas.dmsw.gov.cy">children@wbas.dmsw.gov.cy</a>
<b>Phone</b>	1450
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.gov.cy/en/service/subsidy-of-tuition-of-children-up-to-4-years-old-scheme/">https://www.gov.cy/en/service/subsidy-of-tuition-of-children-up-to-4-years-old-scheme/</a>
<b>Address</b>	46, Themistokli Dervi Street, 1066 Nicosia