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An update on the work of Local Support Organisations



What are LSO?

LSOs or Local Support Organisations are a Union Council level federation of Community Institutions. In a bid to reduce poverty at the household level and empower marginalised people (esp. women), they carry out community-led development and develop linkages with government and non-government organisations.

LSO Initiatives

Local Support Organisation Bukera Sharif



(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **4,000,000** (4 million) Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 15,680,000 disbursed to 523 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,313,000 benefited 101 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 296 households benefitting 2,522 people



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST)
benefited 13 male and 71 female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

08 schemes

(6 schemes completed and 2 are ongoing)

Activities implemented through self-help and in collaboration with Government and other development agencies:

- 1. Conducted **452 sessions** educating **3164 individuals** on COVID-19 safety precautionary measures
- 2. Distributed **4360 handwashing soaps** in the UC with the support of UC Chairman, NRSP, and other philanthropists
- 3. Distributed ration bags to **138 families** during COVID-19 Pandemic in the UC with the support of local government and philanthropists
- 4. Facilitated Health Department's COVID-19 Vaccination and supported 08 camps in different villages of LSO through which **2340 individuals** have been vaccinated against COVID-19
- 5. Provided Immunisation to 1900 children of the union council with the support of government health department
- 6. With Support of UC Chairman provided **300 sewing machines and 70 safe drinking water hand pumps and 200 solar plates in UC.**
- 7. Enrolled **1,300 children** in the schools of Union Council
- 8. Vaccinated **3,204 animals** with the help of Livestock Department and Trained CLEW under PINS-ER3 programme.
- 9. Registered **1,300 CNICs, 430 B-forms, 70 Nikkah Namas, 480 residential certificates and 50 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 10. Planted 4,530 trees different villages of the UC

Women leaders of LSO Bukera Sharif are planning and implementing development activities both on self-help basis as well as in collaboration with government agencies. The EUfunded SUCCESS programme is empowering rural women in Sindh by realising the power they gain from collective action. The organised women are gaining awareness about their rights, making the service providers accountable and are also taking self-initiatives to improve their lives.

The Community Institutions formed under the SUCCESS programme have been capacitated to form linkages with the government and other stakeholders to highlight and resolve the community issues. As soon as the executive body of LSO Bukera Sharif learnt that UC Government has received funds for the provision of various assets to the poor community members, they met with the UC Chairman and submitted list of eligible community members who could benefit from these funds. As a result of this initiative, the UC Chairman provided 300 sewing machines, 70 hand pumps and 200 solar plates to the community members. These assets have contributed towards improving the livelihood of poor rural households significantly. The women are earning regular income from their sewing machines. The hand pumps are providing access to safe drinking water to poor people at their homes and the solar panels are giving uninterrupted and cheap solar energy to the beneficiary households.









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