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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 Bulri Shah Karim



(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 9,267,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 4.000.000 disbursed to

256 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,145,000 benefited 143 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to

455 households benefitting

154 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 29 male and 49 female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

07 schemes (05 schemes completed and 02 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Helped in the preparation of 600 CNICs of individuals in the Union Council
- 2. Conducted a routine **immunisation campaign** in the Union Council with the Government Health Department
- 3. Stitched and distributed 100 face masks among the poor community members for prevention of COVID-19
- 4. Distributed **40 soap bars** among the community members with the help of UC Chairman

Women leaders of LSO Bulri Shah Karim are planning and implementing development activities both on selfhelp basis as well as in collaboration with government agencies. The EU-funded 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 LSO Bulri Shah Karim is a member of the District Joint Development Committee (JDC). During one of the JDC meetings, the LSO representatives highlighted the sufferings of their women members in CNIC registration process and requested the facilitation for NADRA mobile van. Considering the issue, the Deputy Commissioner asked the NADRA representative to arrange mobile van services to the LSO area on priority basis. In the meanwhile, the LSO identified the women who needed to prepare CNICs and helped them complete their documents. NADRA sent its mobile van twice in the UC and prepared CNICs of over 340 people, mainly women. The LSO also guided its members on completion of the required documents before they go to NADRA office at District Headquarter for making their CNICs, so that they can get their CNICs in a single trip. Through these efforts, around 600 individuals from the UC are now registered with NADRA and enjoy the civic benefits.





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