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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 Faqeerabad**



(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 **8,266,000** disbursed to **319** households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,308,000 benefited 168 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 426 households benefitting 3,534 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST)
benefited **07 male** and **38 female** beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

08 schemes

(5 schemes completed and 3 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted **189 sessions** educating **2,013 individuals** on COVID-19 safety precautionary measures
- 2. Facilitated Health Department's COVID-19 Vaccination campaign in different villages of UC through which around **2,400 individuals** have been vaccinated against COVID-19
- 3. Provided Immunisation to **1,036 children** of the union council with the support of government health department
- 4. With support of UC chairman, provided **70 Sewing machines and 32 Hand pumps** in the UC
- 5. Enrolled 1,204 children in the schools of Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 876 animals with the help of Livestock Department and EU-funded PINS-ER3 programme
- 7. Registered **1,713 CNICs, 223 B-forms, 517 Nikkah Namas, and 35 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 8. Planted 4,484 trees different villages of the UC

Women leaders of LSO Faqeerabad are planning and implementing development activities both on self-help 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 has established a healthy relationship with the local government, and they cooperate with each other in the development activities. The UC Chairman had some funds to support the poorest families of his UC. When the LSO leaders learnt about this fund, they met with the UC Chairman and helped him in identification of eligible poor members for provision of sewing machines and hand pumps. The UC Chairman appreciated their offer and provided 70 sewing machines and 32 hand pumps for these poor families. The women who received sewing machines are stitching clothes of their family members which save them money that otherwise was supposed to be paid to the tailors. Moreover, a number of these women are also stitching clothes as tailors which has created an income generation source for them. The provision of handpumps has provided the access to clean and safe drinking water for the community members.









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