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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 Betto**



(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

#### **Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme**



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **5,175,000** initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 13,420,000 disbursed to 585 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,564,000 benefited 125 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 241 households providing coverage to 19 individuals



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 19 male beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI)

09 schemes

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

- 1. Planted 1200 trees at Government rest house Betto and in different villages of the UC
- 2. Enrolled 1800 children (1000 boys and 800 girls) in school
- 3. Registered 1800 CNICs (1100 women, 700 men) and 120 B-forms in the Union Council
- 4. Facilitated the Polio vaccination of **100 children** and **500 women** in the Union Council
- 5. Provided 12 sewing machines to the needy community members with the help of UC Chairman

Women leaders of LSO Betto 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.

Access to clean drinking water is one of the main issues of the rural population. People are compelled to use the canal water which consists of impurities of all kinds. TRDP, under the EU-funded SUCCESS and PINS programmes is providing access to drinking water as well as water chlorination facilities. However, due to enormous need, it is imperative to explore the resources beyond the scope of these projects. Therefore, Community Institutions formed under these programmes have been capacitated and linked

with relevant stakeholders. The leaders of LSO Betto strategised to contact different stakeholders for the provision of drinking water facilities. Through their efforts, LSO leaders convinced UC Chairman to provide 12 hand pumps costing PKR 240,000. They also identified the proper locations for the installation of hand pumps where the cluster of households have easy access considering the convenience especially for women. These hand pumps have been installed in 12 villages.







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