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An update on the work of Local Support Organisations

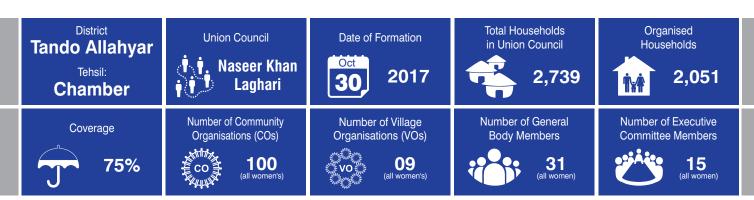


#### What are LSO?

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 Naseer Khan Laghari**



(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 12,113,000 disbursed to 369 households as of October 2021



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,080,000 benefited 160 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 464 households benefitting 3,960 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST)
benefited **91 male** and **13 female** beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

06 schemes are completed in UC

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

- 1. Conducted **240 awareness** raising session on COVID-19 safety precautionary measures
- 2. Enrolled **200 children** in the schools of Union Council
- 3. Registered **720 CNICs**, **200 B-forms**, **110 Nikkah Namas**, **and 50 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 4. Vaccinated **870 animals** with the help of Livestock Department and EU-funded PINS-ER3 programme
- 5. Provided Immunisation to **400 (0-23 months) children** with the Support of Government Health Department
- 6. Planted **1150 trees** different villages of the Union Council
- 7. Facilitated the vaccination of **685 individuals** through Government Health Department's COVID-19 vaccination drive

Women leaders of LSO Naseer Khan Laghari 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 also formed linkages with the local government by seeking support from the UC Chairman. During the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the leaders of LSO Naseer Khan Laghari strived to help the needy community members. Through the in-kind support from the UC Chairman and other philanthropists, essential food items were distributed to 150 poorest households. The women LSO leaders along with CRPs also managed to register 230 poor families under the Federal Governments EHSAAS Emergency Cash Programme to receive PKR 12,000 from the programme. This support has been instrumental in getting PKR 2.76 million to these vulnerable families from government sources. Furthermore, LSO leaders also discussed the community issues with the UC Chairman. In the wake of this discussion, 320 sewing machines and 550 safe drinking water handpumps were distributed for the poor households. These interventions will contribute towards improving the livelihood of the poor community members.







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