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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 Jado Shaheed



(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **6,520,000** initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 16,946,000 disbursed to 751 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 5,327,000 benefited



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 813 households benefitting 5,283 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST)
benefited 17 male and 90 female
beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI)

06 schemes

(2 schemes completed and 4 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Planted 4800 trees in different villages of the UC
- 2. Enrolled 4845 children (941 boys and 2904 girls) in school
- 3. Facilitated the routine vaccination of **8900** individuals
- 4. Registered 3000 CNICs in the Union Council

Women leaders of LSO Jado Shaheed 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.

Provision of Access to Water

Village Mureed Babar, with a population of 3500, is the most water stressed village in the whole UC. The underground water is brackish. Therefore, the villagers were compelled to fetch water from village Thariri Jado Shaheed located at a distance of 4 kilometres from village Mureed Babar. Considering the seriousness of issue and its impact on local lives, the LSO leaders approached the government concerned department through a social activist Mr. Zulfiquar. The meeting led to the positive results as the

construction of water storage tanks was approved by the government. Soon, 8 water storage tanks were constructed, out of which 5 have been successfully functioning for the betterment of the community members. Through the efforts of LSO leaders, the major issue of drinking water has been resolved in village. This has not only saved cost and time but has also improved health and hygiene conditions because the water is now available for purposes other than drinking as well, such as washing and other household needs.







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