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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 Dasori**



(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 327,152,021 disbursed to 327 households & 721 loans



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,233,000 benefited 91 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 316 households benefitting 2,703 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST)
benefited **0** male and **112** female
beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

08 schemes

(7 schemes completed and 01 is ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted 484 sessions educating 4,834 (4021 female and 813 male) individuals on COVID-19 awareness
- 2. Planted 2,500 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled **430 children** (200 boys and 230 girls) in school. The teacher has also been appointed for one of the schools upon request by LSO.
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **5,500 individuals** against COVID-19 and supported **7 COVID-19 vaccination** camps organised by Health Department
- 5. Registered **1,580 CNICs, 835 B-forms, 150 Nikkah Namas,** and **50 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **3,500 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Ensured 85% routine immunisation by supporting district Health Department EPI teams
- 8. With support of UC chairman, provided **300 sewing machines**, **200 hand pumps**, and launched **17 small-scale Community Physical Infrastructure** (CPI) schemes in the UC
- 9. Arranged marriages of individuals from 10 poor families with the support of a philanthropist
- 10. Sent **8 orphan children** to an orphan home **Darul Ehsas** for the provision of education

Women leaders of LSO Dasori 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.

### **Protecting Children's Lives and Futures**

The women leaders of LSO Dasori along with Community Resource Persons (CRPs) have been actively supporting the Government Health Department in the effective launch of routine immunisation campaigns in the Union Council Dasori. During the CO meetings, the Community Resource Persons (CRPs) conducted regular sessions to raise awareness about the importance of immunisation. The community leaders also informed the government teams about the children missed in

the campaigns, so that they could overcome the gap during their follow up visits. The LSO President, Ms. Amina mentioned that "People trust us now. we have mobilised many households who were initially resisting for vaccination of their children". Due to the coordinated efforts of the LSO and Health Department, the vaccination campaign achieved maximum results at the UC level. Through this initiative, 85% children of 0-23 months have been vaccinated which is a significant percentage change from the number of children vaccinated before the LSO formation.









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