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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 Jazbo**



(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **7,338,240** Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR **16,018,900** disbursed to **930** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 476 households benefitting 21

people/population covered

Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited **42** beneficiaries 0 male and 42 female

Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of

PKR 2,694,400 benefited

209 households



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

(09 schemes completed and 02 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted 870 sessions educating 2,430 individuals on Polio drops, Education and Vaccination
- 2. Planted 810 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 415 children (300 boys and 115 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 405 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered 625 CNICs, 318 B-forms, 155 Nikkah Namas, and 21 death certificates in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 3008 animals with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **208 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department

Women leaders of LSO Jazbo are planning and implementing development activities both on a 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-initiative to improve their lives.

#### **Supporting Community in COVID-19**

During the COVID-19, lockdown was imposed by the Government to prevent the virus from spreading. Many people lost their livelihoods and could not provide bread for their family. Many families were only able to afford a single meal per day and largely relied on others for support. In this dire situation, the LSO leaders came forward to support the community members. For this purpose, a meeting was arranged with the representatives of local government, civil society organisations and philanthropists. During the meeting, the LSO leaders



highlighted the vulnerable and defenceless condition of the community against COVID-19. Through these efforts of LSO, local philanthropists and community notables distributed ration of PKR 10,000 among 56 poorest households. Furthermore, the district authorities provided ration to 65 poor households who could not make an earning during the lockdown. The provision of essential items such as soaps, masks, and hand sanitizers has also been ensured during the pandemic.



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