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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 Josh



(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,065,000 initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 19,680,000 disbursed to 842 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 3,264,000 benefited



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 367 households benefitting 2,384 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST)
benefited 11 male and 30 female
beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI)

16 schemes (10 schemes completed and 6 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Planted 1,141 trees in different villages of the UC
- 2. Facilitated the vaccination of **996** individuals against COVID-19
- 3. Registered **286 CNICs** in the Union Council
- 4. Treated 1,127 patients for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of LSO Josh 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.

Better Health for All

In the wake of diarrhoea outbreak in different villages of UC Pir Mashaik, the LSO leaders took self-initiative to approach the Taluka Hospital Johi. This external linkage was formed by the LSO leaders for the purpose of arranging a medical camp through the visit of health teams and provision of medicines for the community members. Upon confirmation from the Taluka hospital

team, the camp was arranged in the main village of the UC in order to benefit the 6 other nearby villages as well. The date and location of the medical camp was communicated by Community Resource Persons (CRPs) during the regular community meetings. This effort resulted in check-up, necessary treatment, and provision of medicines to 1,127 patients.





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