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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 Rooshan Deo



(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **5,465,600**Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR **7**,**747**,**000** disbursed to **414** households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,107,640 benefited 76 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 210 households



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited **31** beneficiaries (0 male and 31 female)



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

02 schemes (0 ongoing 2 completed)

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

- 1. Conducted 150 sessions educating 600 individuals on covid-19, polio drops and vaccination
- 2. Planted **250 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 450 children (150 boys and 300 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **200** individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered 300 CNICs, 150 B-forms in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **350 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **650 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
- 8. Distributed ration to 300 poorest households
- 9. Arranged a hand washing session with 30 households

Women leaders of LSO Rooshan Deo 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-initiative to improve their lives.

Education for Girls

Village Dost Muhammad Metlo was deprived of girls causing local girls to be unable to continue their studies. In fact, the building of previously existent school had been demolished. After becoming acquainted with the issue, the Executive Committee members of LSO Rooshan Deo arranged a meeting with the Deputy Commissioner Kamber Shahdadkot and raised the concern of rising illiteracy and improper schooling facilities in their village. The Deputy Commissioner took notice of the issue and initiated the re-construction work of primary school building immediately. Upon request, two additional classrooms and two washrooms were also constructed. Moreover, provision of middle school for girls was also approved to promote literacy.



No More Child Marriages

In LSO Rooshan Deo, a 12-year old girl was reported to be getting married without her consent. The LSO office bearers tried to convince the family of the victim as an early age marriage would not only rob young girl of her childhood but also the future prospects. However, they did not agree to call off the wedding despite their daughter's unwillingness. Therefore, the LSO leaders decided to take legal action and informed the family about the unfavourable consequences. Soon, their efforts brought fruitful results as the girl's family agreed to stop the wedding. The parents were advised to not marry their daughter until she attains an adequate level of maturity and legal age to be married. It was also made clear that failure to follow the right practices may cause the family to face the court of law.





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