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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 LSO Noor



(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **4,821,600** Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR **11,014,800** disbursed to **711** households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,234,400 benefited 221 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to **360** households benefitting **14** people/population covered

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Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited **229** (male and female) beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 12 schemes

(09schemes completed and 03 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted 208 awareness sessions educating 380 individuals on multiple topics
- 2. Planted 2,080 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 307 children (80 boys and 227 girls) in school
- Registered 4080 CNICs, 3050 B-forms, 2050 Nikkah Namas, and 87 death certificates in the Union Council
- 5. Vaccinated 2,050 animals with the help of the Livestock Department
- Organised a free medical health camp which treated 208 patients with the help of the Government Health Department
- 7. Treated 150 individuals through mobile healthcare van of Government Health Department

Women leaders of LSO Noor 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.

Building Linkages: Re-Construction of School with the Help of Government

In the village Usman Kalhoro of UC Yaaro Lakhair, a school had been informally closed for a few years. Due to the poor infrastructure of the school, the teaching faculty and students had stopped attending the school. The condition was so poor that the building was expected to collapse anytime making it unsafe for any human exposure. However, the government did not take notice of the issue and the teachers kept on receiving their salaried regularly from the Education Department without taking any classes. The issue was brought to notice during a routine meeting at LSO Noor. The LSO leaders decided to highlight the concern in the JDC meeting and decided to lodge a complaint to the Deputy Commissioner. The Deputy Commissioner took notice of the issue and approved the reconstruction of the school to support proper education in the district. With the dedicated efforts of LSO leaders, the school is under construction now and the teachers have been warned to conduct classes regularly after construction, otherwise their service will be terminated.



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