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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 Sindh Abad**

District **Larkana**Tehsil: **Ratodero** 

Coverage 52%

Union Council

Peer Bux
Bhutto

Number of Community Organisations (COs)

Date of Formation



2020

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



11 all women's) Total Households in Union Council



2,468

Number of General Body Members



22

Organised Households



1,276

Number of Executive Committee Members



(all women)

(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **5,808,933**Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 4,990,000 disbursed to

241 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,137,000 benefited 158 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 154 households benefitting people/population covered



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

9 schemes

(5 schemes completed and 4 are ongoing)



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS)
educating 60 female beneficiaries through
learning Centres

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

- 1. Conducted 10 awareness sessions educating 1,000 individuals on COVID-19
- 2. Planted **200 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 1,150 children (650 boys and 500 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **4,500 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **3,000 CNICs**, **150 B-forms**, **100 Nikkah Namas**, and **30 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **1,400 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **480 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department

Women leaders of **LSO Sindh Abad** are planning and implementing development activities both on a self-help basis as well as in collaboration with government agencies. The EU-funded SUCCESS program 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.

#### **Promotion of Community Hygiene**

People of village Shanbh Jeho in LSO Sindh Abad used to go to toilet in open. Open defecation promotes unhygienic community environment and can cause many diseases. The leaders of LSO Sindh Abad highlighted this issue in the community meeting and initiated discussion to find a solution to this problem. After several discussions and considering multiple plausible solutions, the LSO leaders decided to reach out to Mangi Memorial Trust for toilet construction. The LSO leaders met with the officials of Mangi Memorial Trust and explained the poor hygienic condition of village Shanbh Jeho causing diseases for the community members due to open defecation. Their request was generously considered and accepted by the Mangi Trust, and 7 toilets were constructed to promote the clean community environment.





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