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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 Hingorani











2018

Date of Formation







Number of General **Body Members**



Organised Households



2.712

Number of Executive Committee Members



(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,823,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 15,414,000 disbursed to

449 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,295,000 benefited 153 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to

391 households benefitting 3,357 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 36 male and 86 female beneficiaries



Enterprise Development supporting 13 female beneficiaries through the formation of

3 Business Development Groups (BDGs)



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 100 female beneficiaries through 4 learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

10 schemes (8 schemes completed and 2 are ongoing)

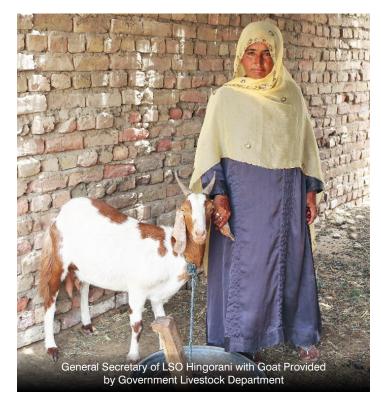
Activities implemented through self-help and in collaboration with Government and other development agencies:

- 1. Conducted **2,950 awareness** sessions on various health, education and poverty related topics
- 2. Planted **117 trees** in different villages of the Union Council
- 3. Enrolled 1,762 children (1,070 boys and 692 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **7,328 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered 6,540 CNICs, 238 B-forms, 2,579 and Nikkah Namas in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **2,473 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Organised a blood donation group of 38 women
- 8. Registered **10 women** with **EHSAAS** and **BISP programmes** to offer support to needy community members

Women leaders of **LSO Hingorani** 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.

Improving Financial Status of Community Members

Poverty is prevalent in villages Madhan Mirjat and Mithu Mirjat of district Tando Allah Yar. In order to tackle this, the members of Local Support Organisation (LSO) Hingorani proposed the access of livestock to villagers. As the sources of income in rural areas are limited and majority of dwellers are illiterate, this seemed a practical solution to them. Therefore, Hazoora, the General Secretary of LSO Hingorani, contacted the Government Livestock department and arranged a meeting to request the provision of livestock to the needy community members. After careful consideration and realising the need for livestock by women of these rural areas, Government officials agreed to provide goats (livestock) to 19 needy female community members. This has helped the poor women to improve financial status by owning an asset and selling their milk as everyday income. These women plan to raise their baby goats in the future and sell them for better returns.





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