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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 Dhingano Bozdar













2017

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



7 (all women's) Total Households in Union Council



2,661

Number of General Body Members



15 (all women) Organised Households



1,890

Number of Executive Committee Members



25 (all women)

(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **4,485,000**Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 14,362,000 disbursed to

391 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,027,000 benefited 79 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to

227 households benefitting

1,946 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 24 male and 50 female beneficiaries



Enterprise Development supporting ${\bf 9}$ female beneficiaries through the formation of

3 Business Development Groups (BDGs)



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 104 female beneficiaries through 3 learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

4 schemes

(3 schemes completed and 1 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted **6,100 awareness** sessions educating **1,600 individuals** on various health and education topics
- 2. Planted 1,250 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 1,200 children (900 boys and 300 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 5,940 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **7,580CNICs**, **2,70 B-forms**, **300 Nikkah Namas**, and **500 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **3,000 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **5,500 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department

Women leaders of **LSO Dhingano Bozdar** 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.

Illuminating the Villages of Dhingano Bozdar

The villages Bukhsh Behrani and Lal Fageer Behrani in Union Council Dhingano Bozdar were deprived of gas and electricity supply, for years. Villagers would light lanterns at night and had no option but to bear the extreme hot weather of Sindh. The members of the LSO Dhingano Bozdar took it as an essential task to accomplish and approached the Union Council Chairman for help. With the help of UC Chairman, they were able to reach the relevant government departments and submit an application for the provision of electricity. It was soon taken up and the villages lacking the electricity were installed with an electricity transformer. The supply of electricity has made the lives of the people easier. The villagers now rest under fan and the students can manage to stay up at night to study.





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