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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 Kamaro Shareef



(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,58,700 Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 11,361,000 disbursed to 356 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,508,000 benefited 116 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to



265 households benefitting





Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited **24** male and **33** female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating **107** female beneficiaries through

**4** learning Centres



**Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):** 

4 schemes

(All schemes completed)

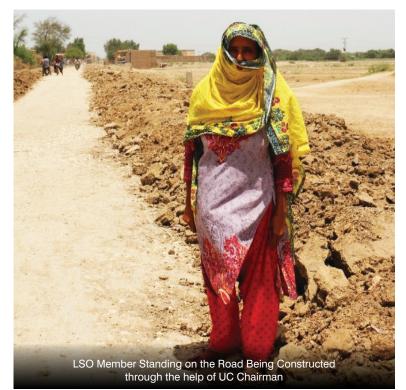
## Activities implemented through self-help and in collaboration with Government and other development agencies:

- 1. Conducted **5,616 awareness** sessions educating **8,000 individuals** on various poverty, health and education topics
- 2. Planted 909 trees in different villages of the Union Council
- 3. Enrolled 2,450 children (1,650 boys and 800 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 8,955 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **8,950 CNICs, 275 B-forms, 75 Nikkah Namas,** and **25 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 1,280 animals with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **1,800 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department

Women leaders of **LSO Kamaro Shareef** are planning and implementing development activities both on a 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.

#### **Road Construction in Village Jeo Kakepoto**

The village Jeo Kakepoto of the Union Council Kamaro Shareef had no other chance but to rely on poor pathways for movement. Lack of properly constructed roads restricted their mobility and delayed villagers in reaching hospitals on time. Also, the poor pathway would flood during rainy seasons and the stagnant water resulted in breeding ground for mosquitos leading to multiple outbreaks in the village. The members of the LSO Kamaro Shareef took these issues to the Union Council Chairman and submitted an application for road construction. After multiple efforts to convince the UC chairman, their application was finally approved. As of now, the new road is under construction. The community feels fulfilled as they have started using the road already. This initiative will bring affluence to the community by making their mobility easier to the markets, hospitals, and schools.





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