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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 Tandosomro











2017



Date of Formation









Organised Households



2,140





(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,506,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 15,318,000 disbursed to 316 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,235,000 benefited 95 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 208 households benefitting

1,762 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 10 male and 108 female beneficiaries



Enterprise Development supporting 15 female beneficiaries through the formation of

4 Business Development Groups (BDGs)



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 102 female beneficiaries through 4 learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

7 schemes (All schemes completed)

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

- 1. Conducted **3,456 awareness** sessions on various health, education and poverty related topics
- 2. Planted 1,153 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled **3,297 children** (2,058 boys and 1,239 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 233 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered 4,078 CNICs, 3,116 B-forms, and 988 Nikkah Namas in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **205 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Facilitated **500 women** with at hospital delivery

Women leaders of **LSO Tandosomro** 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.

Installation of Water Filtration Plant for Potable Water

The villages in Union Council Tandosomro lacked access to safe drinkable water. The saline ground water was used for washing purposes and villagers had to travel far distances to collect drinkable water. This not only wasted their time but the physical exertion also compromised their health and wellbeing. Considering the gravity of the issue, the members of Local Support Organisation (LSO) Tandosomro decided to solve it with the help of their

external linkages. The leaders of LSO contacted the UEP-Awareness department to get a solar-powered reverse osmosis unit installed. Upon approval, it was installed in village Baghat Malu Ram Kachhi. As a result, the villagers now enjoy access to drinkable water and the prevalence of diarrheal diseases due to consumption of contaminated water has also decreased.







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