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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 Mail Mori



(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,850,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 12,179,000 disbursed to 386 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,371,000 benefited 171 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 489 households benefitting



3,963 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited **44** male and **71** female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating **98** female beneficiaries through

**4** learning Centres

**Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):** 



10 schemes (7 schemes completed and 3 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted 4,062 awareness sessions on various health and education topics
- 2. Planted 86 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 629 children (510 boys and 119g girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 1,038 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **2,136 CNICs, 72 B-forms, 128 Nikkah Namas,** and **30 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 240 animals with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **4,000 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department

Women leaders of **LSO Mail Mori** 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.

### **Promoting Cleanliness and Community Hygiene**

The village Wayal Thebo of Union Council (UC) Mailmori was deprived of a proper sewerage system. This led to unclean environment and poor hygiene practices, which promoted the spread of multiple diseases. The community had long given up their hopes in solving this issue. However, with the formation of Local Support Organisation (LSO) Mail Mori, this long standing issue was acted upon. The LSO members highlighted the matter in their meetings and decided to put up a request to the UC Chairman for the construction of a sewerage system in the village. In 2021, their application got approved and as of now, the construction is ongoing. It is projected to complete within the next six months and is expected to promote a clean and healthy environment which will decrease the risk of preventable diseases.



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