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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 Chandroki

District
Kambar Shahdadkot
Tehsil:
Warah
Coverage

75.8%

Union Council

Junani

Number of Community Organisations (COs)

168
(all women's)

Date of Formation



2017

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)

Total Households in Union Council



4,880

Number of General Body Members



42

Organised Households



3,699

Number of Executive Committee Members



07 (all women)

(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 11,748,570 Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 30,680,700 disbursed to 1.970 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 5,070,720 benefited 384 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to

872 households benefitting

69 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited $26\,$ male and $233\,$ female beneficiaries



Enterprise Development Supporting $oldsymbol{0}$ male and

 $\bf 37$ female beneficiaries through the formation of

02 Business Development Group (BDGs)



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS)
educating **82** female beneficiaries through **2** learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

14 schemes

(12 schemes completed and 2 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted 108 sessions educating 27,00 individuals on COVID-19
- 2. Planted **14,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 5,000 children (3,500 boys and 1,500 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **4,000 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **5,000 CNICs, 3,200 B-forms, 2000 Nikkah Namas**, and **600 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 10,000 animals with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **1,500 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department

Women leaders of **LSO Chandroki** 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.

Putting an End to Open Defecation

Open defecation was a common practice in Union Council (UC) Chandroki. The dwellers would walk long distances in search of safe spaces to defecate and women would require someone to accompany them. This poor hygiene practice was endorsed by the unavailability of toilets in the UC, which threatened human health and promoted environmental pollution. To put an end to this harmful norm, the leaders of Local Support Organisation (LSO) Chandroki decided to bring a change in community's behaviour by educating them on sanitation and hygiene. In order to ensure the availability of toilets, the LSO leaders approached Ali Hasan Mangi Memorial Trust in village Khairo Dero and placed a request for toilet construction. On approval, 400 toilets were constructed in the villages Sadik Mashi, Sahib Khan Tunio and Ramzan Gadi of UC Chandroki. As a result, the people of UC Chandroki have abandoned the practice of open defecation, thus improving their health and protecting their dignity.





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