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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 Kaaflo

District Larkana

Tehsil: **Larkano**

Coverage



64%

Union Council



Number of Community Organisations (COs)



(all women's)

Date of Formation



2018

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



12

Total Households in Union Council



2,238

Number of General Body Members



24 all women) Organised Households



1,436

Number of Executive Committee Members



7 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **5**,**105**,**800** Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 11,199,200 disbursed to





Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,227,400 benefited 160 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to

283 households benefitting

18 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 22 male and 91 female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

07 schemes

(06 schemes completed and 01 are ongoing)



Enterprise Development Supporting 0 male and 57 female beneficiaries through the formation of 03 Business Development Group (BDGs)



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 20 female beneficiaries through 01 learning Centres

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

- 1. Conducted **208 sessions** educating **3,360 individuals** on COVID-19, cleanliness and other health related topics
- 2. Planted **7,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 2,400 children (1,200 boys and 1,200 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **18,000 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **3,500 CNICs, 800 B-forms, 350 Nikkah Namas,** and **50 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **2,500 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Provided Stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **800 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme
- 8. Provided ration packs to 100 households by the help of UC Chairman
- 9. Constructed **24 toilets** in the UC by the help of Mangi Memorial Trust

Women leaders of **LSO Kaaflo** 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 realizing the power they gain from collective action. The organized women are gaining awareness about their rights, making the service providers accountable, and are also taking self-initiative to improve their lives.

Provision of Roofs to the Poor Households

The poor community of Union Council (UC) Fatehpur at Kanga lived in fragile huts, which would frequently break down or leak due to the heavy rains and storms. Whereas, privacy was a major concern for those living under such sheds. Depressed about the matter, at the same time having a hope for the change, these poor families brought their sufferings to the leaders of Local Support Organisation (LSO) Kaaflo. In order to find a plausible solution the LSO leaders then connected those poor families to the officials of Mangi Memorial Trust. The meeting resulted in officials of Mangi Memorial Trust visiting the UC Fatehpur. After having a detailed observation of the families' situation, a mandate was given for the construction of multiple houses in the UC by the Trust's officials. The construction process completed within a few months. Whereas these families now feel safe and secure in their newly constructed houses.





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