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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 Kamyabi**

District
Kambar Shahdatkot
Tehsil:

Naserabad

Coverage



97%

Union Council

Muradi

Number of Community Organisations (COs)



109 (all women's Date of Formation



2017

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



14 Ill women's) Total Households in Union Council



3,280

Number of General Body Members



24 (all women)

Organised Households



2,238

Number of Executive Committee Members



(all women)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **6**,**759**,**200**Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 13,031,500 disbursed to

760 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,715,500 benefited 207 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to

291 households benefitting

21 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 11 male and 177 female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

11 schemes

(7 schemes completed and 4 are ongoing)



Enterprise Development Supporting 02 male

and 38 female beneficiaries through the formation of

02 Business Development Group (BDGs)

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

- 1. Conducted 106 sessions educating 4,140 individuals on agriculture, COVID-19 and cleanliness
- 2. Planted 6,500 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 3,000 children (1,000 boys and 2,000 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **10,000 individuals** against COVID-19
- Registered 4,000 CNICs, 2,000 B-forms, 500 Nikkah Namas, and 100 death certificates in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **12,000 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
- 8. Provided stipend worth **PKR 14,000** to **1,000 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme

Women leaders of **LSO Kamyabi** 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.

#### **Supply of Water Connections**

The mosque in Union Council (UC) Muradi had no facility of clean water for ablution, sanitation and for drinking purposes. The unavailability of water had limited the utilisation of the mosque for daily prayers and weekly Jummah prayer. Thus, for making sure the provision of clean water to the mosque, the leaders of Local Support Organisation (LSO) Kamayabi held a meeting to come up with the practical solutions at hand. In the meeting, the LSO leaders heard about an Iranian Trust, which has been providing and installing clean water tanks in the neighbouring UCs. Consequently, they have decided to appeal them for the installation of water tanks in the particular UC as well. After contacting and conducting several meetings with the Iranian Trust, the officials finally approved the request for supply of water tanks. Within a few days, an installation of a water tank in front of the UC's Mosque completed. The accessibility of clean water for drinking and ablution in the mosque has helped the individuals to offer prayers regularly.





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