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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 Karwan



### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 9,148,600 Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 6,388,900 disbursed to 551 households

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Î.A	Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>2,558,800</b> benefited <b>158</b> households		Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 282 households benefitting 16 people/population covered
() () () () () () () () () () () () () (	Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited $4$ male and $75$ female beneficiaries		Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): <b>11</b> schemes (All schemes completed)
	Enterprise Development Supporting <b>20</b> female beneficiaries through the formation of	Ŷ	Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating $f 80$ female beneficiaries through

**U1** Business Development Group (BDGs)



04 learning Centres

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

- 1. Conducted 80 awareness sessions educating 1,200 individuals on COVID-19
- 2. Planted 8,000 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 2,100 children (1,000 boys and 1,100 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 10,000 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered 1500 CNICs, 500 B-forms and 50 Nikkah Namas in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 6,000 animals with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **1,250 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department

Women leaders of **LSO Karwan** 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.

### **Educating Children and Youth**

The children of Union Council (UC) Gujhar were bearing the negative impacts of school closure and a halt to their learning in the form of poor physical and mental health. When the issue prolonged, the parents united and highlighted the issue in the Local Support Organisation's (LSO) monthly meeting. Keeping the importance of children's education in view, the LSO Karwan leaders conducted several meetings on this and decided to visit the Taluka Education Office. During their visit to the education department, the LSO leaders highlighted the community's need and pleaded for reopening of the school. After ascertaining the number of out of schoolchildren in the UC, the concerned officials immediately approved their request and authorised the appointment of schoolteachers. The initiative for resuming the school has increased children enrolment in the school. Whereas the accomplishment of this community need has made the parents certain that their children are now on their way to achieve much more in the coming years.



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