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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 Khushali

District
Kambar Shahdatkot
Tehsil:
Warah

Coverage 70%

Union Council

Khandu

Number of Community
Organisations (COs)

19
(all women's)

Date of Formation

July
2017

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)

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Total Households in Union Council



456

Number of General Body Members



all women)

Organised Households



319

Number of Executive Committee Members



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Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 1,545,600 Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 2,775,800 disbursed to 174 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 618,060 benefited 49 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to

12 households benefitting

00 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 50 female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

04 schemes

(All schemes are completed)



Enterprise Development Supporting 50 female beneficiaries through the formation of 01 Business Development Group (BDGs)



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 1 female beneficiaries through 25 learning Centres

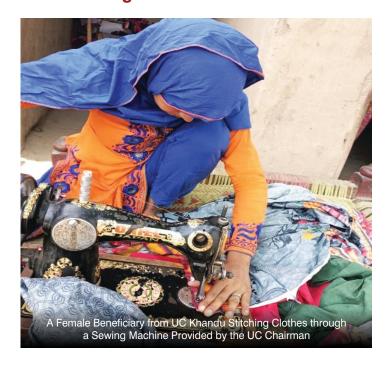
Activities implemented through self-help and in collaboration with Government and other development agencies:

- 1. Conducted **32 sessions** educating **630 Family** Panning, Covid-19 and cleanliness
- 2. Planted 1,800 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 700 children (400 boys and 300 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **4,000 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **680 CNICs**, **190 B-forms**, **30 Nikkah Namas**, and **10 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **1,500 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **200 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
- 8. Provided stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **150 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme
- 9. Provided ration packs to **50 households** by the help of UC Chairman

Women leaders of **LSO Khushali** 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.

Prospering the lives of women through Provision of Earning Tools

By cause of limited earning opportunities and illiteracy, female community members of the Union Council (UC) Khandu had no choice but to work in the fields, also had no surety of earning much. In hopes of expanding their earnings these women had received training in tailoring and stitching, however, because of having poor economic conditions they could not afford to buy sewing machines of their own to start earnings. Weary of the issue these women approached leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Khushali and implored for their assistance. By giving close attention to the matter, the LSO leaders sought help of the UC Chairman, who immediately approved their request. The initiative led to 25 women getting sewing machines in the UC, who then started stitching clothes and getting incomes. Along with the improved earnings, working from home has also allowed them to manage multiple household responsibilities as well.





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