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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 Marui



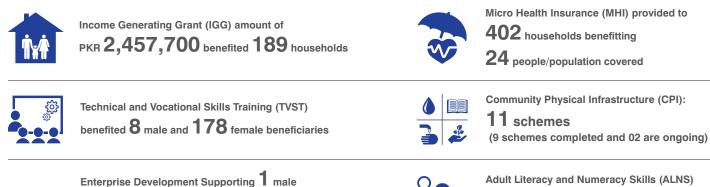
### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **5,411,842** Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR **14,822,404** disbursed to **863** households



and **124** female beneficiaries through the formation of **04** Business Development Group (BDGs)



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating **40** female beneficiaries through

**02** learning Centres

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

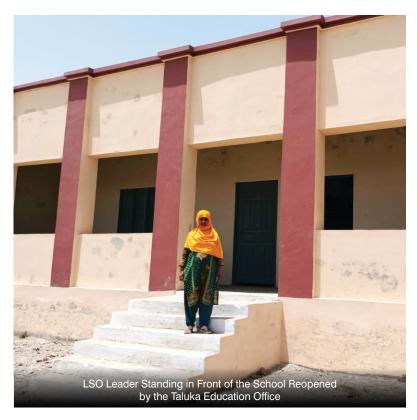
- 1. Conducted 188 sessions educating 3,450 individuals on COVID-19, Family Planning and Cleanliness
- 2. Planted 17,000 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 8,000 children (4,000 boys and 4,000 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 17,000 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **2,600 CNICs**, **1,500 B-forms**, **350 Nikkah Namas**, and **80 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 1,5000 animals with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **2,000 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
- 8. Provided stipend worth **12,000** to **2,000 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme

Women leaders of **LSO Marui** 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.

### **Restoring a Closed School**

Children in the village Soomro Chandio had been deprived from getting education since the school in the village was closed lacking teachers and infrastructure. With the limited incomes, people were unable to afford the travel expenses and send their children to other villages for education. Bearing in mind the significance of education for every child, the members of Local Support Organisation (LSO) Marui thought to take a step in order to reopen the existing school by utilize their sources. The LSO leaders then sent an application to the Taluka Education Office and requested them to reopen the school by providing the required staff and infrastructure. Representatives from the Taluka office visited the school and approved their appeal by arranging teachers along with the furniture.

The school is functional now and children are getting education at their doorsteps. The initiative has lessened the worries of those parents who although wanted their children to get education but were not in a position to afford it.





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