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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 Nae Bhar**

District
Kambar Shahdatkot

Tehsil:

Warah

Coverage



81%

Union Council

Lalu
Raunk

Number of Community Organisations (COs)



(all women's

Date of Formation



2018

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



11 Ill women's) Total Households in Union Council



2,504

Number of General Body Members



22 (all women) Organised Households



1,421

Number of Executive Committee Members



(all women)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **7,202,985**Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 15,861,500 disbursed to 845 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 3,119,000 benefited 199 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to

425 households benefitting

63 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 1 male and 133 female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

9 schemes

(6 schemes completed and 03 are ongoing)



Enterprise Development Supporting 1 male

and **59** female beneficiaries through the formation of

04 Business Development Group (BDGs)

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

- 1. Conducted 48 sessions educating 840 individuals on Child Health, COVID-19 and cleanliness
- 2. Planted **8,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 6,000 children (2,500 boys and 3,500 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **10,800 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **16,500 CNICs, 4,000 B-forms, 120 Nikkah Namas,** and **50 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **12,400 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **500 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
- 8. Provided stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **2,000 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme
- 9. Distributed **1,300 soaps** and **1,500 face** masks in the UC through Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (PINS)
- 10. Provided ration packs to **60 households** through the help of UC Chairman

Women leaders of **LSO Nae Bhar** 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.

#### **Brightening the Lives of Poor through Solar Power**

The lives of individuals in 7 villages of Local Support Organisation (LSO) Nae Bahar got hazardous when heat in the summers stroke intensely them since they had no electricity in their villages. Their children had started getting ill. They were unable to buy and install solar panels by their own; however, they made contact with members of the LSO Nae Bahar and conveyed their situation. The LSO members then considering their request, held meetings with the UC Chairman aiming to find a workable solution. The UC Chairman after surveying the particular villages approved their request and provided with 40 solar panels. The initiative has entirely changed their lives and now they can work and rest easily under the fans and lights.





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