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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 Madadgar



Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **10,684,800** Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 22,159,000 disbursed to 1,250 households

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Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR **4,798,000** benefited **360** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **697** people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 02 male and 370 female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): **13** schemes

(12 schemes completed and 01 is ongoing)

Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS)

educating **100** female beneficiaries through

05 learning Centres

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

- 1. Conducted 208 sessions educating 2,760 individuals on COVID-19, Family Planning and cleanliness
- 2. Planted 9,000 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 7,200 children (4,000 boys and 3,200 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 15,000 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **6,000 CNICs, 2,500 B-forms, 500 Nikkah Namas,** and **100 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **15,000 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Provided stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **1,500 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme
- 8. Distributed food ration packs to **500 households** by the help of UC Chairman

Women leaders of **LSO Madadgar** 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.

Childhood Development

Child labour had become a norm in village Mitho Shaikh of Union Council (UC) Gud as the children could not attend school due to the inaccessibility to the school within the village. When the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Madadgar learned about the importance of children's education in their training, they realised that they have to act swiftly. Having a previously abandoned school building in the UC, which could be resumed, the LSO leaders decided to make it functional with the help of the Taluka Education Office. Therefore, for the reopening and maintenance of the school and reappointment of the school staff, an application was submitted to the education office. Whereas after visiting the village school building the Taluka Education Office accepted their application. As a result, the formerly closed school was reopened within a few months. This initiative has endorsed schooling at village Mitho Shaikh, where children now attend school regularly.





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