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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 Naen Wikh

District
Kambar Shahdatkot

Tehsil:

Warah

Coverage



70%

Union Council

Mirpur

Number of Community Organisations (COs)



all women's

Date of Formation



2018

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



13 all women's) Total Households in Union Council



2,331

Number of General Body Members



26 (all women) Organised Households



1,632

Number of Executive Committee Members



(all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **7,356,725**Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 10,396,00 disbursed to

725 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,811,400 benefited 216 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 605 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited **14** female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

07 schemes

(06 schemes completed and 01 is ongoing)



Enterprise Development Supporting

f 14 female beneficiaries through the formation of

01 Business Development Group (BDGs)

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

- 1. Conducted **238 sessions** educating **3,570 individuals** on COVID-19, Family planning and Cleanliness
- 2. Planted **8,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 4,000 children (2,000 boys and 2,000 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **14,000 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **6,000 CNICs**, **3,000 B-forms**, **500 Nikkah Namas**, and **100 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 10,000 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 **PKR 12,000** to **1,500 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme

Women leaders of **LSO Naen Wikh** 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.

Facilitating the Poor Households through Solar Panels

Due to the socio-economic disparities among the inhabitants of village Karamullah Chandio of the Union Council (UC) Mirpur, few families were left without electricity supply, as they could not afford to buy solar panels. It would make the summers difficult for these families to bear, who would frequently suffer from heat strokes. Depressed about the issue these families approached the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Naen Wikh for their help. As a result, the LSO leaders took this issue to the UC Chairman and laid out all the circumstances. The UC Chairman visited these 12 families and decided to provide solar panels and solar fans to them. These families feel fulfilled as they now have an electric connection to power their fans and rest well in a cooler atmosphere.







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