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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 Zindagi

District Kambar Shahdatkot Tehsil: Kambar Shahdatkot

Coverage 70% **Union Council Dost Ali**

Number of Community Organisations (COs)

Date of Formation

2018

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



Total Households in Union Council



1,759

Number of General **Body Members**



Organised Households



1,231

Number of Executive Committee Members



Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **6,747,903** Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 10,990,500 disbursed to 614 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,103,406 benefited 142 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 480 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 18 male and 78 female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 04 schemes

(All schemes completed)

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

- 1. Conducted **38 sessions** educating **682 individuals** on COVID-19, Family planning and Cleanliness
- 2. Planted **5,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 1,800 children (800 boys and 1,000 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **7,000 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered 2,000 CNICs, 5,00 B-forms and 50 Nikkah Namas in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **6,027 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Provided food ration packs to **100 households** by the help of UC Chairman
- 8. Provided stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **2,000 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme

Women leaders of **LSO Naen Zindagi** 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.

Distribution of Solar Panels and Fans in the UC Dost Ali

Due to the unavailability of electricity, many people were suffering from heatstroke in the Union Council (UC) Dost Ali. As they could not afford to buy solar panels, thus they were left with no option but to ask the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) for their help. Therefore, in the following LSO's monthly meeting this issue was highlighted. Consequently, the LSO leaders arranged several meetings with the UC chairman to discuss the matter at hand and requested for provision of solar panels. The UC Chairman after visiting the area and approved the request and provided 100 solar panels and fans to seven villages in the UC. Due to this generous initiative by the UC Chairman, multiple households can now power electric fans and bulbs at night.





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