





Issue: 146

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 Nayab

District **Larkana**Tehsil:

Bakrani

Coverage

70%

Union Council



Faridabad

Number of Community Organisations (COs)



41 (all women's) Date of Formation



2019

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



5 all women's) Total Households in Union Council



1,420

Number of General Body Members



10 (all women) Organised Households



992

Number of Executive Committee Members



5 (all womer

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **3,645,600**Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 6,447,000 disbursed to 361 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR **938**,000 benefited

77 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 238 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 06 male and 51 female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

05 schemes (All schemes completed)



Enterprise Development Supporting

51 female beneficiaries through the formation of

02 Business Development Group (BDGs)

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

- 1. Conducted **208 sessions** educating **3,160 individuals** on COVID-19, Family planning and cleanliness
- 2. Planted 7,000 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 800 children (500 boys and 300 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **10,000 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **1,250 CNICs, 500 B-forms, 50 Nikkah Namas,** and **10 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **1,500 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **900 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
- 8. Provided stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **800 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme
- 9. Provided food ration packs to **600 households** by the help of UC Chairman

Women leaders of **LSO Nayab** 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.

Providing Sewing Machines to Women of the UC Faridabad

Depending upon a single household bread earner, multiple families in the Union Council (UC) Faridabad were subjected to extreme poverty. The women would stay at home and the men would work in the fields. To empower women enabling them to contribute to the family's expenses, the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Nayab enrolled multiple women on Technical and Vocation Skills Training (TVST) on stitching and tailoring work. However, due to affordability issues, these women were unable to buy sewing machines and initiate stitching work. Therefore, when the LSO leaders came across a philanthropist helping the needy communities, they requested the provision of sewing machines to those needy women in the UC. In agreement, he provided sewing machines to 50 women, who then started their stitching business. Due to this assistance, these women were able to improve the living conditions of their families.





"This publication was produced with the financial support of the European Union. Its contents are the sole responsibility of Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the European Union" Reported by: Ramla Zainab, Young Development Professional, SUCCESS, RSPN Edited by: Yumna Fida, Young Development Professional, SUCCESS, RSPN Designed by: Masha ALLAH Printers, Islamabad

THE LSO INITIATIVES SERIES IS BY THE RURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMMES NETWORK



Web: eeas.europa.eu/delegations/pakistan_en Facebook: European Union in Pakistan Twitter: EUPakistan Web: www.success.org.pk Facebook: successprogramme Twitter: SUCCESSinSindh Web: www.rspn.org Facebook: RSPNPakistan Twitter: RSPNPakistan