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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 Suhni Warah

District
Kambar Shahdatkot

Tehsil:

Warah

Coverage



56%

Union Council



Warah

Number of Community
Organisations (COs)

102
(all women's)

Date of Formation



2018

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



I 4 II women's) Total Households in Union Council



4,431

Number of General Body Members



28 all women) Organised Households



2,471

Number of Executive Committee Members



(all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 14,558,417
Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 28,169,700 disbursed to 1,496 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 5,585,380 benefited 400 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **733** people/population covered



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 13 schemes

(All Schemes Completed)



Enterprise Development Supporting **01** male and **86** female beneficiaries through the formation of **04** Business Development Group (BDGs)



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educates 158 female beneficiaries through 07 learning Centres

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

- 1. Conducted **221 sessions** educating **4,680 individuals** on COVID-19 and cleanliness
- 2. Planted 45,400 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled **7,500 children** (**4,000 boys and 3,500 girls**) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **10,000 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **3,500 CNICs, 5,800 B-forms, 1,800 Nikkah Namas,** and **1,500 death** certificates in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 4,900 animals with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **9,324 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
- 8. Provided stipend to **500 women** through Benazir Income Support Program
- 9. Distributed ration packs to **500 individuals** by the help of the UC Chairman
- 10. Provided **46 toilets**, **10 demo latrines**, **56 packs of vegetable seeds**, **50 hand pumps** and **50 hens** through Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (PINS)

Women leaders of **LSO Suhni Warah** 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.

Recommencing a Closed School

A school in the local Support Organisation (LSO) Suhni Warah had sealed due to its collapsing roof and unavailability of staff. Looking at the need and significance of education, members of the LSO formed a committee. They assigned the committee a task to go to the Taluka Education office, and request them to construct a proper rooftop and provide staff to the school. The formed education committee held several meetings with the Taluka Education Office and got the approval of their request. The taluka education department provided them with the funds for the construction of the rooftop and the required staff. After completing the roof construction, the school is functional now. This has helped the children continue their education and lessened the educational loss.





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