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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 Sujag

District
Kambar Shahdatkot

Tehsil:

Kambar

Coverage



70%

Union Council

Rawanti

Number of Community
Organisations (COs)



(all women's)

Date of Formation



2019

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



9 all women's Total Households in Union Council



2,464

Number of General Body Members



18 (all women)

Organised Households



1,725

Number of Executive Committee Members



7 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **6,241,994**Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 11,094,850 disbursed to 597 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 3,241,300 benefited 198 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 408 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 02 male and 129 female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

10 schemes
(All Schemes completed)



Enterprise Development Supporting

63 female beneficiaries through the formation of

03 Business Development Group (BDGs)



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educates 88 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres

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

- 1. Conducted **264 sessions** educating **2,880 individuals** on COVID-19, family planning and cleanliness
- 2. Planted 10,800 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled **5,400 children** (**3,400 boys and 2,000 girls**) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **15,000 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **3,000 CNICs**, **1,500 B-forms**, **500 Nikkah Namas**, and **100 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **5,000 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 **RS. 12,000** to **1,500 households** through Benazir Income Support program

Women leaders of **LSO Sujag** 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.

Provision of Hand Pumps by a Philanthropist

Households in the Union Council (UC) Rawanti had no access to clean drinking water. The individuals had to walk miles to fetch water for their daily needs. However, when the members of the local Support Organisation (LSO) Sujag found out about a Philanthropist Ghulam Shah in Village Kot distributing Hand pumps, they decided to approach him. The LSO Leaders conducted a meeting with the person and requested him to provide hand pumps to them so that they could distribute them to the deserving households in their UC. However, the philanthropist provided them with 100 hand pumps and they were installed in particular households. The availability of water at their homes has saved the time of the individuals who had previously been walking long distances in search of water.





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