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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 Sumbul



Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **13,794,537** Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR **22,651,940** disbursed to **1,451** households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 5,025,330 benefited 344 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **1,421** people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited $19 \ \text{male}$ and $253 \ \text{female}$ beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 17 schemes

(All Schemes completed)

Enterprise Development Supporting

 $\mathbf{36}$ 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 **208 sessions** educating **5,000** individuals on COVID-19, family planning and cleanliness
- 2. Planted 17,000 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 8,000 children (5,000 boys and 3,000 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 14,000 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **1,000 CNICs, 600 B-forms, 450 Nikkah Namas,** and **100 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 2,500 animals with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Provided stipend worth **RS. 12,000** to **2,000 households** through Benazir Income Support Program.
- 8. Distributed food ration packs to 500 households by the help of the UC Chairman

Women leaders of **LSO Sumbul** 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 Toilets by a Local Organization

Members of the local Support Organisation (LSO) Sumbul came to know about a local Organisation that has been helping poor households in constructing toilets. The members then settled on approaching the local organisation and asking them to help in toilet construction for the deserving households in their LSO as well. After having a meeting with the focal person of the organisation and discussing the circumstances, members of the LSO were able to approve their appeal. The focal person also visited the mentioned households in the LSO and agreed on constructing 50 toilets for them. This initiative has helped poor households get rid of open defecation and outbreaks.



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