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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 Fajar**

Nambar Shahdatkot
Tehsil:
Kambar

Coverage



70%

Union Council

Number of Community Organisations (COs)



**3** / (all women's

Date of Formation



2019

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



(all women's)

Total Households in Union Council



2,132

Number of General Body Members



**14** all women)

Organised Households



1,492

Number of Executive Committee Members



(all women)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **5,469,554**Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 5,708,000 disbursed to 295 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,273,240 benefited 156 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 317 people/population covered



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

03 schemes

(02 schemes completed and 01 is ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted **300 sessions** educating **4,650 individuals** on COVID-19, family Planning and cleanliness
- 2. Planted **6,300 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 2,520 children (2,000 boys and 520 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **15,000 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **5,000 CNICs, 500 B-forms, 50 Nikkah Namas,** and **20 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **6,300 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **300 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
- 8. Distributed ration packs to **100 households** by the help of UC Chairman
- 9. Provided stipend worth **PKR 14,000** to **1,000 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme

Women leaders of **LSO Fajar** 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.

#### **Resolving the Power Crises in the UC Jian Abro**

There was no electricity supply in the Union Council (UC) Jian Abro. This compromised the socio-economic development and progress of villagers, who were unable to utilise the innovation and technology made to comfort human life. The Local Support Organisation (LSO) Fajar's leaders discussed this issue in their monthly meeting and realised the feasible solution in their case could be the utilisation of solar energy for electricity production. Therefore, a request for the provision of solar plates was made to the UC chairman. As a result, the UC chairman visited the UC, observed the situation, needs of the community, and approved the LSO's request by providing 50 solar panels. This allowed the dwellers to light bulbs power fans and charge their mobile phones.





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