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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 Roshan Mustaqbil



### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **5,459,600** Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR **10,064,743** disbursed to **350** households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR **1,421,290** benefited **158** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **288** people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited  $12\ \text{male}$  and  $105\ \text{female}$  beneficiaries



Enterprise Development Supporting 64 female beneficiaries through the formation of 05 Business Development Group (BDGs)

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

- 1. Conducted 50 sessions educating 750 individuals on cleanliness
- 2. Planted 7,750 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 3,000 children (2,000 boys and 1,000 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 8,600 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **1,800 CNICs, 700 B-forms, 400 Nikkah Namas,** and **10 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 3,500 animals with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **2,500 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department

Women leaders of **LSO Roshan Mustaqbil** 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.

#### Hospital Restoration in the UC Dara

A hospital in the village Deen Muhammad Brohi of the Union Council (UC) Dara was not functional due to the unavailability of the medical staff and equipment. Consequently, community individuals had to travel long distances to reach hospitals in adjacent UCs. However, with the COVID-19 pandemic, when multiple individuals of the UC Dara were infected by the coronavirus, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Roshan Mustaqbil realised the need for a proper Hospital within the UC. Hence, the LSO leaders contacted the health department for assistance in this regard. They requested the immediate appointment of the professional staff, provision of medical equipment and renovation of the hospital building. Considering the urgent need of the community, the health department officials approved all these demands. After renovating the hospital building, qualified staff was appointed and the necessary equipment was provided which led to the functioning of the formerly closed hospital in UC Dara. This initiative has increased access to the medical aid at the UC.



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