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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 Tabdeely



Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **5,876,640** Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 9,098,000 disbursed to 482 households

Ì₩.	Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,261,560 benefited 157 households	Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 461 people/population covered
ېنې ۵۰۰۰۰	Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 02 male and 67 female beneficiaries	Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 08 schemes (07 schemes completed and 01 are ongoing)



Enterprise Development Supporting

 $\mathbf{33}$ female beneficiaries through the formation of

02 Business Development Group (BDGs)



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS)

educating **41** female beneficiaries through

02 learning Centres

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

- 1. Conducted 98 sessions educating 1,710 individuals on COVID-19 and cleanliness
- 2. Planted 8,000 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 3,000 children (1,500 boys and 1,500 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 15,000 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **4,000 CNICs**, **1,500 B-forms**, **1,000 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. Provide Stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **1,000 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP)
- 9. Distributed Food Ration Packs to 100 households by the help of UC Chairman

Women leaders of **LSO Tabdeely** 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.

Reaching Out to a Needy woman

Since the formation of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Tabdeely, its leaders had made every effort in developing external and local linkages with the community's influential individuals. Being aware of the LSO's networks and connections the community members apprised the LSO members about a woman having need of financial assistance in the Union Council (UC) Kalar. Consequently, the LSO leaders visited the woman's house to ascertain her worries and to facilitate her accordingly. Ensuring the sustainability of the aid the LSO leaders decided to empower the woman by providing her with a sewing machine as a means to earn bread. Whereas to buy the sewing machine, the LSO leaders contacted the local philanthropist, who favourably provided funds. Now the woman stitches clothes and earns around PKR 200 on a daily basis. This has helped her in meeting her household expenses as before.



The Woman in UC Kalar Provided with a Sewing Machine by the Help of the Local Philanthropist

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