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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 Bhej Bhittai



Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **3,885,000** Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 6,810,000 disbursed to 179 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR **2,919,000** benefited **137** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **304** people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited **11** male and **166** female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): **07** schemes

(All schemes completed)

Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS)

educating **179** female beneficiaries through

07 learning Centres

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

- 1. Conducted 98 sessions educating 6,575 individuals on various health and education topics
- 2. Planted 2,750 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 1,250 children (550 boys and 700 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 1,600 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered 2,500 CNICs, 1,250 B-forms, 300 Nikkah Namas, 250 death certificates and 478 electoral votes in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 5,000 animals with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated 1,500 patients for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
- 8. Facilitated 40 women at hospitals with safe deliveries
- 9. Distributed ration bags to 30 households in the UC, during COVID-19 pandemic
- 10. Resolved 1 case of domestic violence in the UC
- 11. Constructed 3 washrooms and provided 1 potable water pipeline to the elementary school in the UC

Women leaders of the **LSO Bhej Bhittai** are planning and implementing development activities both on self-help basis as well as in collaboration with government agencies. The EU-funded SUCCESS programme is empowering rural women in Sindh by realising the power they gain from collective action. The organised women are gaining awareness about their rights, making the service providers accountable and are taking self-initiatives to improve their lives.

Creating Hygiene Supportive School Environment

The unavailability of washrooms and drinkable water in the elementary school of Village Samtani, was keeping adolescent girls from attending school. Due to the constantly decreasing school attendance, the leaders of the Local Support organisation (LSO) Bhej Bhittai arranged a meeting and decided to resolve the need for a supportive school environment for girls. As a collective decision, the LSO members reached out to the Deputy Commissioner (DC) for help and requested for solving the water and sanitation issue at

the village school. To observe the situation, the DC visited the school and identified that School Management Committee funds had been misused. Taking charge, the DC mandated immediate construction of washrooms and provision of potable water to the school. Consequently, three washrooms were constructed, whereas a pipeline for potable water was also provided. With improved water and sanitation, school enrolment has increased and these issues no longer hold girls from attending school regularly.





LSO Leader Making a List of Needy People in the UC, for The Distribution of Ration Packs During COVID-19 Pandemic



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