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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 Bhittai**

District **Dadu**Tehsil: **Mehar** 

Coverage



87%

Union Council



**Bothro** 

Number of Community Organisations (COs)



64 (all women's) Date of Formation



2018

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



8 (all women's) Total Households in Union Council



1,726

Number of General Body Members



25 all women) Organised Households



1,500

Number of Executive Committee Members



(all women)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **4,480,000**Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 7,311,000 disbursed to 210 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 4,557,000 benefited 223 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 500 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 23 male and 01 female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): **08** schemes
(All schemes completed)

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

- 1. Conducted **52 sessions** educating **3,214 individuals** on health and educational topics.
- 2. Planted **260 trees** in different villages of the UC.
- 3. Enrolled 240 children (140 boys and 100 girls) in school.
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,416 individuals** against COVID-19.
- 5. Registered **562 CNICs**, **30 B-forms**, **40 Nikkah Namas**, **80 death certificates** and **1,460 voters** registered in the Union Council.
- 6. Vaccinated **2,412 animals** with the help of Livestock Department.
- 7. Treated **2,361 patients** free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department.
- 8. Facilitated **270 women** for the safe deliveries in hospitals

Women leaders of the **LSO 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 women supported under the initiative are gaining awareness about their rights, making the service providers accountable and are taking self-initiatives to improve their lives.

#### **Livestock Vaccination**

Local community of the Union Council (UC) Bothro relies very much on the livestock for basic livelihood needs. It is paramount that the livestock is healthy and fully vaccinated to maintain a constant flow of income. The Local Support Organisation (LSO) Bhittai made considerable efforts, along with the government's livestock department, to ensure 100% vaccination of the livestock. Furthermore, the LSO facilitated the vaccination of 2,412 animals in the union council and educated local farmers on the importance of healthy livestock. This enabled the local community to maintain their only income stream in an efficient and effective manner.



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