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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 Bismillah



Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **5,128,000** Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR **11,120,000** disbursed to **232** households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR **1,000,000** benefited **50** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **206** people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited **08** male and **22** female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

10 schemes (All schemes completed)

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

- 1. Conducted **175 sessions** educating **10,000 individuals** on health and education.
- 2. Planted **5,000 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 6,000 individuals against COVID-19.
- 5. Registered **800 CNICs**, **1,000 B-forms**, **1,500 Nikkah Namas**, **800 death certificates** and registered **2,000 voters** in the Union Council.
- 6. Vaccinated **590 animals** with the help of Livestock Department.
- 7. Treated **6,000 patients** free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department.
- 8. Facilitated **3,000 women** with their safe deliveries through rural health centres.
- 9. Constructed **50km linked road** in the Union Council.
- 10. Provided financial assistance to **1,200 people** through EHSAAS Program.
- 11. Distributed **300 sewing machines** in the UC by the help of the UC chairman.
- 12. Approved gas supply scheme through government within two years

Women leaders of the **LSO Bismillah** 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 also taking self-initiatives to improve their lives.

Access to Clean Drinking water

Clean drinking water is a necessity, which people of the Union Council (UC) Talti lacked. It was very inconvenient for the people to fetch water from other villages and they requested leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Bismillah for their assistance. The LSO leaders negotiated with the concerned government departments through numerous social activists. Due to the efforts of the LSO leaders, government approved the water supply scheme for the provision of clean drinking water in the area. The government's lacklustre about this serious health issue was solved within two months by effective intervention by the LSO leaders.

