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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 Butt Serai

District Dadu Tehsil: Mehar

Coverage

65%

Union Council



Number of Community Organisations (COs)



175

Date of Formation



2018

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



18

Total Households in Union Council



5,677

Number of General **Body Members**



Organised Households



3,706

Number of Executive Committee Members



6 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **5,650,000** Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 15,553,000 disbursed to 409 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR **8,340,000** benefited 414 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 744 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 15 male and 43 female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 12 schemes (All schemes completed)

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

- 1. Conducted **53 sessions** educating **2734 individuals** on health and education.
- 2. Planted **1780 trees** in different villages of the UC.
- 3. Enrolled 400 children (250 boys and 150 girls) in school.
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2564 individuals** against COVID-19.
- Registered 164 CNICs, 230 B-forms, 80 Nikkah Namas, 95 death certificates and registered 930 voters in the Union Council.
- 6. Vaccinated **2,374 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **3,154 patients** free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department.
- 8. Facilitated **500 women** at hospitals with safe deliveries.

Women leaders of the **LSO Butt Serai** 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.

Preparation of the CNICs

To access rights, benefits, and responsibilities in the country, a Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC) is necessary which helps the individuals in getting all that. To cast a vote, open a bank account and get a financial assistance, every individual needs CNIC. Without it, one cannot function the basic rights. The leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Butt Serai realised how the community members are facing difficulties due to not being registered with NADRA and without CNICs. The women leadership met with the NADRA officials and requested them to send a mobile van to the Union Council (UC) so the majority of the population can take advantage, and register through NADRA.



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