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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 Sardar Ameer UI Bahar

District **Dadu**Tehsil: **Johi**

Coverage



100%

Union Council



Number of Community Organisations (COs)



86 (all women's) Date of Formation



2018

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



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



1,928

Number of General Body Members



17 (all women) Organised Households



1,936

Number of Executive Committee Members



(all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **5,520,000**Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 9,205,000 disbursed to 237 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 7,018,000 benefited 339 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 499 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 38 male and 61 female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): **06** schemes
(All schemes completed)

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

- 1. Conducted **75 sessions** educating **1,122 individuals** on various health and education related topics
- 2. Planted **6,500 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled **5,760 children** (**3,600 boys and 2,160 girls**) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 1,675 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **26,000 CNICs, 1,764 B-forms, 700 Nikkah Namas, 180 death certificates** and **26,500 electoral votes** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **48,000 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated 10,000 patients for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
- 8. Distributed ration bags to **1,900 households** in the UC, during COVID-19 pandemic
- 9. Constructed 10 Washrooms and 60 water hand pumps in the UC
- 10. Provided 213 households with solar panels and 120 women with sewing machines in the UC.
- 11. Constructed a 5km concrete cemented road in the UC
- 12. Reopened **1 formerly closed school** through the help of Deputy Commissioner (DC) and **1 formerly closed hospital** through the help of Government Health Department.
- 13. Enrolled **20 girls** to skill development training provided by Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP)
- 14. Stopped **15 underage forced marriages** of the young girls in the UC.

Women leaders of the **LSO Sardar Ameer UI Bahar** 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.

Resolving Gas Crises in the Union Council (UC)

Gas crises had been a long-standing issue in seven villages of the Union Council (UC) Sardar Muhammad Hashim Ameer UI Bahar. With no natural gas connections, the villagers were left with no choice but to use wood for cooking and for heating during the winters. However, since the formation of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Sardar Ameer UI Bahar the villagers witnessed various improvements in the community through their efforts therefore they felt hope in this regard as well. Consequently, they sought the help of the LSO leaders. The leaders then held a meeting on this matter and decided to put up an application to the Deputy Commissioner (DC) for the installation of gas pipelines. After a few follow-up meetings, the DC approved LSO's application and gas connections were provided to these seven villages within 4 months. The villagers now cook food, heat water, power heater and geysers effortlessly when required.





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