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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 Tando Saindad

District Tando Mohammad Khan Tehsil:

Tando Mohammad Khan

Coverage

70%

Union Council



Tando Saindad

Number of Community Organisations (COs)



(all women's

Date of Formation



2017

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



11 Il women's) Total Households in Union Council



2,514

Number of General Body Members



33 (all women) Organised Households



1,769

Number of Executive Committee Members



15 (all women

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 40,0000 Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 8,356,000 disbursed to 191 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,494,000 benefited 108 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 284 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited **87** female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 115 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

07 schemes

(5 schemes completed and 2 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted **1,769 awareness sessions** educating **35,380 individuals** on various health and educational topics
- 2. Planted **2,154 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled **2,315 children** (**1,200 boys and 1,115 girls**) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,145 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **880 CNICs, 2,800 B-forms, 12,341 Nikkah Namas,** and **1,800 death** certificates in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **300 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **1,508 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Tando Saindad** 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.

Facilitating the Corona-Infected Households

During the COVID-19 pandemic, multiple houses were sealed in different villages of the Union Council (UC) Tando Saindad due to a surge in positive coronavirus cases. When the food items started running out in corona-infected households, their neighbours avoided helping them out of fear. Therefore, to aid them, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Tando Saindad, stepped forward and decided to contribute and collect funds to buy food items for them. Through this, they were able to collect enough to support the affected households. The LSO leaders bought the necessary food items, divided them equally, and distributed them safely to the individuals in need. This initiative assured the community members of their LSO's supportive performance, who were greatly appreciated for their efforts.





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