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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 Aloo Katiyar



Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,631,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 12,541,000 disbursed to 237 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,728,000 benefited 129 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **365** people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited **09** male and **321** female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating **104** female beneficiaries through **04** learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

07 schemes

(05 schemes completed and 02 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted **3,017 awareness sessions** educating **75,425 individuals** on family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination, and COVID-19 vaccination.
- 2. Planted 913 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 1,371 children (892 boys and 479 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 1,375 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **1,562 CNICs**, **1,618 B-forms**, **1,248 Nikkah Namas**, and **793 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 1,103 animals with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **1,436 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of **LSO Aloo Katiyar** 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.

Economic Empowerment of Women

Women of the Union Council (UC) Aloo Katiyar had received Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) on tailoring and stitching work in hope of earning better. However, having low socioeconomic status they were unable to buy sewing machines and start their stitching businesses. Therefore, all these women united and collectively requested the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Aloo Katiyar for help. To facilitate these women, the LSO leaders reached out to the Health and Nutrition Development Society (HANDS) organisation and requested the provision of sewing machines to the needy women of their community. The HANDS organisation's officials agreed, but to ascertain the number of sewing machines required, they decided to pay a visit to the UC. On visiting, they identified and listed down 342 deserving women and later provided them with sewing machines. These females have now begun their tailoring businesses through which they earn well, enough to meet their families' household expenses.



of water immunization sanitation and education in UC Aloo Katiyar

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