





Issue: 228

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 Bello

District Sujawal Tehsil: Sujawal

Coverage



76%

Union Council



Bello

Number of Community Organisations (COs) 111

Date of Formation



2016

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



Total Households in Union Council



3.069

Number of General **Body Members**



Organised Households



2.343

Number of Executive Committee Members



Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,910,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 1,1291,000 disbursed to 716 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,964,000 benefited 228 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 5,815 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 54 male and 135 female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 109 female beneficiaries through **04** learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

07 schemes

(03 schemes completed and 04 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted **3,956 awareness sessions** educating **98,540 individuals** on basic rights, women empowerment, family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination, and COVID-19 vaccination.
- 2. Planted **1,500 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 1,500 children (825 boys and 675 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **7,200 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **6,762 CNICs, 7,707 B-forms, 2,060 Nikkah Namas,** and **1,400 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **15,000 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **1,200 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Bello** 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.

Promoting Civil Registration

Inhabitants of the Union Council (UC) Bello did not possess Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs). Due to this, they were unable to register votes; or receive governmental cash grants from Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) or EHSAAS Program. Therefore, after learning about the process of civil registration from Community Management and Skill Training (CMST) leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Bello decided to help their fellow community members in getting their CNICs. For this purpose, the LSO leaders contacted the NADRA officials and requested the provision of transportation to the NADRA office. The NADRA officials agreed on providing facilitation. Through this help, the LSO leaders were able to register 6,762 CNICs in the UC. These individuals are now able to enjoy all benefits of being registered as Pakistani citizen in the Country.





"This publication was produced with the financial support of the European Union. Its contents are the sole responsibility of Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the European Union" Reported by: Bakhtawar Ayaz, Young Development Professional, SUCCESS, RSPN Edited by: Yumna Fida, Young Development Professional, SUCCESS, RSPN Designed by: Masha ALLAH Printers, Islamabad

THE LSO INITIATIVES SERIES IS BY THE RURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMMES NETWORK



Web: eeas.europa.eu/delegations/pakistan_en Facebook: European Union in Pakistan Twitter: EUPakistan Web: www.success.org.pk Facebook: successprogramme Twitter: SUCCESSinSindh Web: www.rspn.org Facebook: RSPNPakistan Twitter: RSPNPakistan