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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 Darya Khan Soho**

District
Sujawal
Tehsil:
Mirpur Bathoro

Coverage 74%

Union Council

† Darya Khan

† Soho

Number of Community Organisations (COs)



Date of Formation



2016

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



06 all women's) Total Households in Union Council



2,034

Number of General Body Members



24 (all women) Organised Households



1,517

Number of Executive Committee Members



15 (all women)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



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



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 90,13,000 disbursed to 514 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 30,16,000 benefited 223 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 568 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 06 male and 50 female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating **75** female beneficiaries through **04** learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

05 schemes

(03 schemes completed and 02 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted **1,779 awareness sessions** educating **44,475 individuals** on family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination, and COVID-19 vaccination.
- 2. Planted **2,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 2,220 children (1,332 boys and 888 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **1,817 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **5,397 CNICs, 150 B-forms, 234 Nikkah Namas,** and **193 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **1,452 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **384 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Darya Khan Soho** 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.

### **Ensuring Clean Water Supply**

Villagers from the Union Council (UC) Darya Khan Soho would use rainwater for drinking purposes or travel to far places having water hand pumps to collect water in contaminated pots. This water scarcity and drinking contaminated water led to various diseases. Therefore, the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Darya Khan Soho realised the necessity to solve the water scarcity issue in their UC, through the installation of water hand pumps. Consequently, the LSO leaders approached a Member of the Provincial Assembly (MPA) of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and requested for the provision of hand pumps. The MPA accepted the request and helped the UC by providing them with 100 hand pumps in different villages of the UC. This benefited many individuals in the UC, as they now can access clean water near their dwellings.



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