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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 Doulatpur**

District
Sujawal
Tehsil:
Shah Bunder

Coverage 67%

Union Council

Doulatpur

Number of Community
Organisations (COs)

121

Date of Formation

2018

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



13 all women's) Total Households in Union Council



3,006

Number of General Body Members



26 (all women) Organised Households



2,039

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 4,002,000 disbursed to 214 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 4,238,000 benefited 326 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 923 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 186 female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 105 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

07 schemes

(02 schemes completed and 05 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted **2,445 awareness sessions** educating **61,125 individuals** on family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination, and COVID-19 vaccination.
- 2. Planted **2,600 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 510 children (390 boys and 120 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **1,920 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **6,416 CNICs**, **150 B-forms**, **310 Nikkah Namas**, and **175 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **1,080 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **190 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Doulatpur** 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.

#### **Distributing Food Ration Packs to the Needy**

During the COVID-19 lockdown period, most of the residents of the Union Council (UC) Doulatpur could not access grocery stores or vegetable shops for buying food items. Soon this resulted in food shortage in multiple households. To support them the leaders of Local Support Organisation (LSO) Doulatpur held a meeting with the UC chairman and requested him for facilitating the poor households through the distribution of food ration packs. The UC chairman agreed and provided funds, through which the LSO leaders bought basic food items, organised them into food packs and later distributed them. This initiative supported multiple households during the COVID-19 Pandemic phase when their mobility was restricted.



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