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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 Ghulam Shah Bagrani**

District
Tando Mohammad Khan
Tehsil:

Tando Ghulam Haider

Coverage



**74%** 

Union Council



Number of Community Organisations (COs)



(all women's

Date of Formation



2016

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



**12** .ll women's) Total Households in Union Council



2,587

Number of General Body Members



35 (all women)

Organised Households



1,902

Number of Executive Committee Members



15 (all women)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **4,719,000**Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 12,248,000 disbursed to 337 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,614,000 benefited 140 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting  $434\ \text{people/population}$  covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 70 male and 346 female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 101 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 **4,671 awareness sessions** educating **116,775 individuals** on family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination, and COVID-19 vaccination.
- 2. Planted 1,649 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 1,632 children (1,142 boys and 490 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **1,267 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **1,379 CNICs**, **1,436 B-forms**, **1,552 Nikkah Namas**, and **934 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **1,136 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **1,863 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Ghulam Shah Bagrani** 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 Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs) Registration**

In the Union Council (UC) Ghulam Shah Bagrani people were not registered as Pakistani civilians and were devoid of the benefits and progress that came with it. This was because they were not aware of the civil registration process. However, after the formation of the Local Support organisation (LSO) Ghulam Shah Bagrani in the UC, the LSO leaders were trained on the civil registration process and being the community influential individuals, they decided to facilitate their community members in getting their Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs). For this, the LSO leaders contacted the NADRA officials and requested them for the provision of transportation services to the different villages of the UC. The NADRA officials approved and with the facility of transportation, the LSO leaders were able to register 1,379 CNICs in the UC. These people feel fulfilled as now they can easily open bank accounts, buy assets, and obtain licences, passports, and electricity or gas connections.



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