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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 Haji Sobho Chandio



Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **4,689,000** Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR **11,020,000** disbursed to **288** households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR **2,070,000** benefited **138** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **409** people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited **28** male and **155** female beneficiaries



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



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

07

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 **2,692 awareness sessions** educating **67,300 individuals** on family planning, health and sanitation, education, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccination, and COVID-19 vaccination.
- 2. Planted 869 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 1,130 children (847 boys and 283 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 1,346 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **1,493 CNICs, 1,632 B-forms, 1,384 Nikkah Namas,** and **864 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 1,240 animals with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **1,394 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Haji Sobho Chandio** are planning and implementing development activities both on selfhelp 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.

Availability of Purified Water in the UC Haji Sobho Chandio

Access to clean water is an essential need of every human being to live a healthy life, free from diseases. However, dwellers of the Union Council (UC) Haji Sobho Chandio were deprived of this necessity having no choice but to drink water from the contaminated water wells. Due to it, they would frequently suffer from diarrhoea and abdominal pains. Therefore, to avoid such health issues, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) reached out to the District Health Department for help. The LSO leaders sent an application requesting access to purified water in the UC, which was approved instantly, and a water purification machine was provided to the UC. Due to its people can now collect and use clean drinkable water near their dwellings.

