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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 Jamal Din Lashari



### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **4,740,000** Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR **13,696,000** disbursed to **349** households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR **2,640,000** benefited **176** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided

benefitting 446 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 91 male and 501 female beneficiaries

Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS)

04 learning Centres

educating **100** female beneficiaries through



Enterprise Development Supporting

**03** male beneficiaries through the formation of Business Development Groups (BDGs)



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

07 schemes

(02 schemes are completed and 05 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted **3,185 awareness sessions** educating **73,255 individuals** on family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination, Covid-19 vaccination.
- 2. Planted 1,284 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 1,367 children (boys and girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 1,864 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **1,785 CNICs**, **1,439 B-forms**, **1,817 Nikkah Namas**, and **739 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 1,249 animals with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **1,786 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Jamal Din Lashari** 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 also taking self-initiatives to improve their lives.

### Road Construction in the UC Jamal Din Lashari

In the Local Support Organization (LSO) Jamal Din Lashari, the residents have been encountering many challenges due to the rough and patchy roads. Rainwater would standstill on the roads causing accidents and sometimes leading to floods. Knowing the distress of the dwellers, leaders of the LSO utilized their linkages with the Government departments as well as Non-Government Organisation. The LSO Leaders sent an application to the Union Council (UC) Chairman and requested road construction on an urgent basis. Their efforts made this possible and the UC Chairman approved the request providing funds to construct cleanly paved and straight walkways. This initiative has helped minimise the risks of road accidents.

