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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 Kandour

District **Sujawal**Tehsil:

Mirpur Bathoro

Coverage

71%

Union Council



Number of Community Organisations (COs)



(all women's

Date of Formation



2017

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



07 all women's) Total Households in Union Council



2,151

Number of General Body Members



25 (all women) Organised Households



1,535

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 **8,865,000** disbursed to **457** households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 4,017,000 benefited 309 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 621 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 21 male and 19 female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 47 female beneficiaries through 02 learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

07 schemes

(04 schemes are completed and 03 are ongoing)

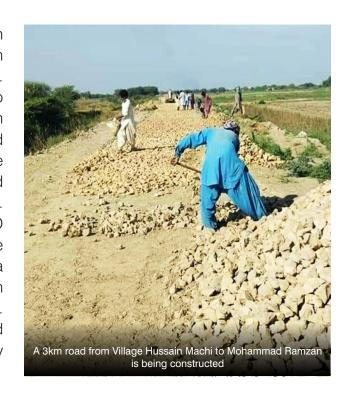
Activities implemented through self-help and in collaboration with Government and other development agencies:

- 1. Conducted **1,700 awareness sessions** educating **42,500 individuals** on family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination, Covid-19 vaccination.
- 2. Planted **3,790 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 823 children (557 boys and 266 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **6,300 individuals** against COVID-19
- Registered 1,200 CNICs, 315 B-forms, 255 Nikkah Namas, and 112 death certificates in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **4,900 animals** with the help of Livestock Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Kandour** 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.

Enhancing Mobility in the Rural Areas

The dwellers of the village Huassainpur had frequently been facing road accidents and delays in reaching hospitals in case of emergencies, due to the poorly constructed roads. The challenges increased during the rainy season. Adding to their distress, the stagnant rainwater caused health insecurities among the community members. Exhausted with bearing the critical situation, the dwellers went to the leaders of Local Support Organisation (LSO) Kandour and appealed for finding an immediate solution to their issue. Admitting the direness of the issue, leaders of the LSO contacted the Chairman Union Council (UC), shared the community's concerns and asked for the construction of a proper road in the village. However, the UC Chairman been kind enough and approved their demand without any delay. A 3km road from the village Hussain Machi to Mohammad Ramzan has been constructed. Now the residents can freely walk and reach their destinations on time.





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