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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 Mughal Bin**



### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **4,650,000** Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR **12,792,000** disbursed to **653** households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR **2,140,000** benefited **166** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **551** people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 13 male and 56 female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating **70** female beneficiaries through **04** learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

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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 **3,466 awareness sessions** educating **86,650 individuals** on family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination, Covid-19 vaccination.
- 2. Planted 2,500 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 600 children in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 6,500 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered 1,800 CNICs, 1,060 B-forms, and 115 Nikkah Namas in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 450 animals with the help of Livestock Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Mughal Bin** 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 also taking self-initiatives to improve their lives.

#### **Facilitation During the COVID-19**

Leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Mughal Bin have been very dedicated and always forthcoming when it came to serving their community. They have always been supportive whenever their people were in need. When the community was left with no food and any means of earning during the nationwide imposed lockdown due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the LSO leaders developed links with government and non-government organisations to help the community out of that challenging situation. When the Pak army came to distribute relief packs, the LSO leaders actively engaged with them, mobilized the community, and identified the most deserving households for receiving the aid. This initiative has helped the poorest households in surviving who were starving.

