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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 Mulakatiyar



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 698,000 disbursed to 165 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR **2,175,000** benefited **145** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided

benefitting 419 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 27 male and 110 female beneficiaries



Enterprise Development Supporting

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



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



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

07 schemes (04 schemes completed and 03 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted **3,331 awareness sessions** educating **66,620 individuals** on mother and child health, education, covid-19, MR vaccination, basic human rights
- 2. Planted 1,402 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 1,622 children (1,136 boys and 486 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 1,532 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **1,356 CNICs, 1,523 B-forms, 1,222 Nikkah Namas,** and **1,324 death** certificates in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 1,523 animals with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **1,946 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Mulakatiyar** 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.

Efforts to Enhance School Enrolment

Leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Mulakatiyar being aware of the significance of education have enthusiastically been mobilizing the community for sending their children to school. The LSO leaders engaged the Community Resource Persons (CRPS) for delivering sessions on the importance of education to the community, particularly to the parents. Those education sessions were assimilated into the Community Awareness Toolkit sessions. Through the endless efforts of the LSO leaders and multiple awareness sessions on education, a large number of parents understood its significance and agreed to send their children to school. Consequently, the LSO leaders were able to enrol 1,622 children into school.

