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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 Mureed Khoso**

District Sujawal <sup>Tehsil:</sup> Jati	Union Council	Date of Formation	Total Households in Union Council 2,393	Organised Households 1,495	
Coverage	Number of Community Organisations (COs)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)	Number of General Body Members 24 (all women)	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 4,175,000 disbursed to 229 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR **2,483,000** benefited **191** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **376** people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 05 male and 44 female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 87 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres

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

- 1. Conducted **1,840 awareness sessions** educating **46,000 individuals** on family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination, Covid-19 vaccination.
- 2. Planted 5,341 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 3,250 children (1,754 boys and 1,168 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 1,7300 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered 6,454 CNICs, 203 B-forms, 845 Nikkah Namas, and 72 death certificates in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **788 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **232 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Mureed Khoso** 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.

#### **CNIC Registration**

Leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Mureed Khoso District Sujawal have covered all their strategic plans in a significant way. They are determined to make those plans sustainable and exclusive for the long term. One of the major contributions of the LSO to the community is to ensure the eligible individuals get the identity of being citizens of the state. For this cause, the LSO Leaders connected with the Local Government and requested to facilitate the local residents of the Union Council (UC) in getting their Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs). Government officials approved their request and provided transportation to the desired residents to reach the NADRA office. Through this initiative, a larger number of people have registered their CNICs.

