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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 Saeed Mato

Tando Mohammad Khan

Tehsil:

Bulri Shah Karim

Coverage



72%

Union Council



Saeed Mato

Number of Community Organisations (COs)



107 (all women) Date of Formation



2017

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



10 Il women's) Total Households in Union Council



2,546

Number of General Body Members



29 (all women) Organised Households



1,832

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 4,560,000 disbursed to 127 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,440,000 benefited 98 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 304 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 17 male and 379 female



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 107 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

07 schemes

(06 schemes completed and 01 is ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted **2,726 awareness sessions** educating **68,150 individuals** on family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination, Covid-19 vaccination.
- 2. Planted **840 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 1,514 children (984 boys and 529 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **1,497 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **1,648 CNICs, 1,768, B-forms, 1,437 Nikkah Namas,** and **693 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **1,173 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **1,356 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Saeed Mato** 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.

Improving community Hygiene

For a pure and healthy environment, proper sanitation and hygiene systems are necessary. The Local Support Organisation (LSO) Saeed Mato District Tando Mohammad did not have an appropriate drainage system for waste disposal. The community lacked a toilet facility and people would follow open defecation, which put the community at risk. Along with this, the community also lacked access to potable water. Considering these issues, leaders of the LSO Saeed Mato decided to link with Aga Khan University Hospital Karachi and requested the provision of water hand pumps and the construction of toilets in some selected and deserved areas of Saeed Mato. This initiative has helped reduce the risks of health issues in the community.



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