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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 Yousif Khan Chang

District Tando Mohammad Khan Tehsil:

Tando Ghulam Haider

Coverage

74%

Union Council

. • Yousif Khar



Number of Community Organisations (COs)



(all women's)

Date of Formation



2016

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



12 Il women's) Total Households in Union Council



2,587

Number of General Body Members



35 (all women) Organised Households



1.902

Number of Executive Committee Members



15 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **4,719,000**Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 12,248,000 disbursed to 337 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,614,000 benefited 140 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 434 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 70 male and 346 female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 101 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

07 schemes

(02 schemes completed and 05 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted **4,671 awareness sessions** educating **116,775 individuals** on family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination, Covid-19 vaccination.
- 2. Planted **1,205 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 1,632 children (1,142 boys and 490 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 1,267 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **1,379 CNICs**, **1,436 B-forms**, **1,552 Nikkah Namas**, and **934 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **1,136 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **1,863 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Yousif Khan Chang** 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.

Mobilizing the Community for Mass-level Awareness

To have a good health and a wholesome environment is a basic right of every individual. Therefore, to maintain and improve a healthy life and clean environment, Leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Yousif Khan Chang developed links with the Local Government and District Health Office. The LSO Leaders identified the areas of the Union Council (UC) where people were struggling with several diseases and had a lack of awareness and basic health facilities. With their efforts and the support of the District Health Department, the LSO Leaders were able to provide basic health facilities to the deserving people. They also worked hard to start campaigns about various health-related issues and risks. This admirable effort of the LSO Leaders brought mass level awareness and a positive and fruitful change in the LSO.





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