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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 Gorakh



Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **4,302,000** Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 6,249,160 disbursed to 173 households





Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **553** people/population covered

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

- 1. Conducted 60 sessions educating 2,440 individuals on health and educational topics
- 2. Planted 1,872 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 5,255 children (3,250 boys and 2,005 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 9,780 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **8,301 CNICs, 1,340 B-forms, 786 Nikkah Namas, 590 death** certificates and **2,665 Votes** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 3,780 animals with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **4,990 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
- 8. Facilitated **1,444 women** in the health centres for safe deliveries.

Women leaders of the **LSO Gorakh** 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

Women in the Union Council (UC) Chinni had been facing challenges in the process of registering their Computerised National Identity Cards (CNICs) and raised the issue in their monthly Village Organisation (VO) meeting. The issue was then taken to the Local Support Organisation (LSO) level and leaders of the LSO took this issue seriously and immediately requested the Deputy Commissioner (DC) to assist them in settling the matter. Considering the issue, the DC asked the NADRA representative to arrange a mobile van for the people of UC Chinni. Meanwhile, the LSO leaders identified women who needed to prepare their CNIC and helped them in completing the required documents. NADRA sent its mobile van twice to the UC and with the efforts of the LSO, 5,276 women were able to register their CNICs with NADRA.

