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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 Guldasto**

District

Jamshoro

Tehsil:

Kotri

Coverage

67%

Union Council



Morho Jabal

Number of Community Organisations (COs)



130 (all women's Date of Formation



2018

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



10 .ll women's) Total Households in Union Council



3,078

Number of General Body Members



29 (all women)

Organised Households



2,049

Number of Executive Committee Members



(all women)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **4,541,400**Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 13,678,000 disbursed to 389 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 5,092,000 benefited 238 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 478 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited  $10\,\mathrm{male}$  and  $208\,\mathrm{female}$  beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 520 female beneficiaries through learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

08 schemes (All schemes completed)

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

- 1. Conducted **64 sessions** educating **7,540 individuals** on various health and educational topics
- 2. Planted **1,600 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 16,472 children (7,472 boys and 9,000 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **1,687 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **9,535 CNICs, 1,076 B-forms, 5,148 Nikkah Namas, 2,152 death certificates** and **9,075 Vote Registration** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **512 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **716 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
- 8. Facilitated **1,244 women** in the health centres for safe deliveries.
- 9. Provided sewing machines to **250 needy women** by the help of UC Chairman.
- 10. Constructed **1 mosque** through the donation of community members
- 11. Stopped 2 early child marriage cases by the LSO leaders

Women leaders of the **LSO Guldasto** 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.

#### **Tree Plantation**

Leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Guldasto learnt about the advantages of tree plantation for both human beings and animals. They acknowledged that during hot summer days, these trees can provide shelter to domestic animals and to the human beings who use to work in the fields. Keeping the various benefits of trees, leaders of the LSO decided to join hands with the Government of Sindh in the plantation campaign. The Deputy Commissioner (DC) inaugurated the plantation campaign in district Jamshoro at the LSO Guldasto by planting a tree himself. On his instructions, the Government of Sindh provided 1,600 plants to the LSO and the LSO leaders distributed these plants among its member Village Organisations (VOs) and further distributed them among the Community Organisations (COs). The CO members planted these plants in the courtyards, in Government Schools, and in health centres.



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