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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 Haq

District **Jamshoro**Tehsil:

Thano Bula Khan

Coverage



86%

Union Council



Number of Community Organisations (COs)



117 (all women's) Date of Formation



2018

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



13 Ill women's) Total Households in Union Council



2,426

Number of General Body Members



26 (all women) Organised Households



2,090

Number of Executive Committee Members



(all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **4,483,800**Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 7,055,000 disbursed to

232 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 4,262,000 benefited 205 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 507 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 101 female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 148 female beneficiaries through 06 learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

11 schemes
(All schemes completed)

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

- 1. Conducted **60 sessions** educating **8,000 individuals** on various health and educational topics
- 2. Planted **9,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 1,000 children (600 boys and 400 girls) in schools
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **4,500 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **1,500 CNICs**, **1,000 B-forms**, **4,000 Nikkah Namas**, **2,000 death certificates** and **20,000 Votes** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **4,500 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **4,000 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
- 8. Facilitated **1,500 women** to health centres for safe deliveries.
- 9. Constructed **5,000 washrooms** in the UC by the efforts of the LSO

Women leaders of the **LSO Haq** 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.

Reopening of Government School

The Government school in the village Khameeso Khaskheli of Union Council (UC) Moondar Khan Palari was closed for three years due to the absence of teachers. To find out a solution to the issue the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Haq formed a committee including the President, Manager, Treasurer and two General Body members in consultation with the members of the relevant village Organizations (VOs). The committee approached the Deputy Commissioner (DC) and highlighted the issue. They requested the reopening of the closed school so that the community children could continue their education. The DC appreciated the efforts of LSO leaders in raising their voices regarding the issue and assured them of resolving the matter soon. On the instructions of the DC, the school reopened within 1 month after the appointment of teachers and now it is functional and community children are back to their studies.



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