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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 Labaik**

District **Dadu**Tehsil:

K.N Shah

Coverage



65%

Union Council



Boriri

Number of Community Organisations (COs)



88 all women's Date of Formation



2018

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



all women's

Total Households in Union Council



2,453

Number of General Body Members



20

Organised Households



1,606

Number of Executive Committee Members



(all women)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **4,378,000**Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 2,940,000 disbursed to 97 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 997,000 benefited 47 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 146 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited  ${\bf 35}$  male and  ${\bf 18}$  female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating **751** female beneficiaries through **28** learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

09 schemes (All schemes completed)

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

- 1. Conducted **59 sessions** educating **2,385 individuals** on various health and educational topics
- 2. Planted **3,645 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 3,001 children (2,400 boys and 601 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **3,756 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **4,003 CNICs**, **2,109 B-forms**, **96 Nikkah Namas**, **590 death certificates** and **13 Votes** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 2,893 animals with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **1,986 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
- 8. Facilitated **402 women** in the health centres for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Labaik** 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.

### **Installation of Water Handpumps**

Safe and easy access to clean water is important for public health, whether it is used for drinking or domestic use. Improved water supply and sanitation, and better management of water resources, can boost economic growth and can contribute greatly to poverty reduction. Fetching water for drinking remained a major problem for the women of Union Council (UC) Boriri since they had no access to it nearby. Most of them were using contaminated water and contaminated water and poor sanitation systems resulted in the transmission of diseases such as cholera, diarrhoea, typhoid, and hepatitis A. The leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) took the initiative and requested the UC Chairman to make sure the availability of clean drinking water in different villages. The UC Chairman while taking the issue seriously provided 12 hand pumps to different villages of the LSO. The initiative helped the community in overcoming health issues and fatal diseases, it also helped the community women who used to walk miles to fetch water.



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