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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 Mehnat**



### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **5,485,000** Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR **22,135,000** disbursed to **480** households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 5,783,000 benefited 289 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **562** people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 46 male and 70 female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating **398** female beneficiaries through **16** 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 65 sessions educating 2,359 individuals on various health and educational topics
- 2. Planted 1,500 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 1,230 children (550 boys and 680 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **3,876 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **789 CNICs**, **75 B-forms**, **58 Nikkah Namas**, **90 death certificates** and **42 Vote Registration** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 2,896 animals with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **1,988 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
- 8. Facilitated 295 women in the health centres for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Mehnat** 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.

### Measures Taken to Combat COVID-19

To deal with the fast spread of the coronavirus across the country, timely information on vaccinations and SOPs was shared through the message campaign for students, teachers, and parents. Around 1.2 million messages were sent out. In parallel, creative social media posts were launched to shed light on the importance of maintaining safety during the spread of the virus. The awareness is generated through communications including among those living in the most remote areas. Leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Mehnat have proactively been engaged throughout the campaign and been spreading all the guidelines and safety measures in their Village Organisation's (VO's) meetings and making sure everybody maintains their mental and physical health and hygiene.

