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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 Shah Abdul Latif



### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **5,580,000** Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 5,962,000 disbursed to 118 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR **3,902,000** benefited **186** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **360** people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited **29** male and **44** female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating **98** female beneficiaries through **4** learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

**10** schemes (All schemes completed)

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

- 1. Conducted **60 sessions** educating **2,743 individuals** on various health and educational topics
- 2. Planted 1,674 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 1,261 children (661 boys and 600 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 2,638 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **6,705 CNICs, 630 B-forms, 687 Nikkah Namas, 590 death certificates** and **2,813 Votes** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 9,638 animals with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **2,739 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
- 8. Facilitated **520 women** in the health centres for safe deliveries.

Women leaders of the **LSO Shah Abdul Latif** 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.

### **COVID-19 Vaccination**

Along with the epidemic of COVID-19, a widespread rumour about the pandemic came and many people believed that it was a conspiracy against the people of Pakistan. People were not willing to follow the SOPs provided by the government and the risks of spreading the deadly virus got high. Committed to timely control of the situation, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Shah Abdul Latif decided to include awareness sessions on COVID-19 in the Community Awareness Toolkits (CAT)Session and trained the Community Resource Persons (CRPs) to deliver the awareness sessions after their routine Village Organisation (VO) meetings. On the instructions of LSO leaders, the CRPs ensured maintaining social distancing and getting the vaccination done as soon as possible. With the efforts of LSO Leaders, 2,638 individuals got vaccination against COVID-19 in the Union Council (UC).

