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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 Shifa



### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **5,545,243** Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR **7,607,000** disbursed to **203** households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 3,153,000 benefited 155 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **264** people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 4 male and 26 female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating **368** female beneficiaries through **15** learning Centres

Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

6 schemes (All schemes completed)

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

- 1. Conducted 53 sessions educating 2,380 individuals on various health and educational topics
- 2. Planted **2,700 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 3,000 children (1,800 boys and 1,200 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 3,040 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **2,900 CNICs**, **1,700 B-forms**,**1,000 Nikkah Namas**, **500 death certificates** and **3,500 Votes** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated 2,910 animals with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **2,480 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
- 8. Facilitated 1,700 women in the health canters for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Shifa** 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) Shifa Union Council (UC) Fateh Pur being sensitised by the Community Awareness Toolkit (CAT) Sessions on the significance of tree plantation, decided to run a plantation drive in the UC. The LSO leaders engaged the Community Resource Persons (CRPs) to raise awareness of the benefits of trees through CAT sessions. However, the CAT sessions promoted learning on afforestation. After that, the LSO leaders joined hands with the Government of Sindh in the plantation campaign and through their efforts, 2,700 trees were planted in the UC.

