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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 Sindhri

District **Dadu** Tehsil:

Dadu-II

Coverage

91%

Union Council



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Number of Community Organisations (COs)



(all women's)

Date of Formation



2018

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



6 all women's) Total Households in Union Council



1,458

Number of General Body Members



15 (all women) Organised Households



1,327

Number of Executive Committee Members



(all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **4**,606,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 14,193,000 disbursed to 358 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 3,885,000 benefited 189 households



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



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 1 male and 98 female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 398 female beneficiaries through 14 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 **60 sessions** educating **2,674 individuals** on various health and educational topics
- 2. Planted 655 trees in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 4,437 children (2,567 boys and 1,870 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of 1,321 individuals against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **3,721 CNICs, 177 B-forms,512 Nikkah Namas, 598 death certificates** and **1,273 Votes** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **2,658 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **2,349 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
- 8. Facilitated **196 women** in the health centres for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Sindhri** 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.

Livestock Vaccination

Livestock plays an essential role in the livelihood sustainability of many people in rural areas. Similarly, people in the Local Support Organisation (LSO) SIndhri largely relied on them for milk, meat, and hides as a source of their income. So, the major concern of the livestock owners was to protect them from widespread communicable diseases. For that purpose, they decided to seek help from the LSO leaders. The LSO leaders paying attention to their worry facilitated the vaccination of 2,658 animals in the Union Council (UC) with the support of the Government's livestock department. The community institutions at the ground level helped the Livestock Department teams during the vaccination drive. The teams visited different villages and vaccinated the livestock at the doorsteps of the dwellers.

Initiative 2 Response to COVID-19

The COVID-19 provoked panic in Pakistan and the Government imposed country wide lockdown to restrict its fast spread. The community members did not receive prover messages about the threats and dangers of the disease and on the precautionary measures against it. The LSO leaders decided to raise awareness among the communities through awareness sessions on COVID-19. The Community Resource Persons (CRPs) were directed to deliver these sessions after their routine VO meetings. The CRPs provided awareness to CO/VO/LSO members about the pandemic and educated them about safeguarding and prevention measures during their CAT sessions.



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