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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 Sujaag

District

Jamshoro

Tehsil:

Kotri

Coverage 83%

Union Council
Petaro

Number of Community Organisations (COs)

Date of Formation

28 2018

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



7 all women's) Total Households in Union Council



594

Number of General Body Members



24 (all women) Organised Households



492

Number of Executive Committee Members



6 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **2,638,000**Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR **7**,858,000 disbursed to **143** households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 556,000 benefited

25 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **96** people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited **79** female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): **07** schemes (All Schemes are completed)

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

- 1. Conducted **70 Sessions** educating 3,500 individuals on various health and educational topics
- 2. Planted **2,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 5,000 children (3,000 boys and 2,000 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **3,500 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **2,000 CNICs**, **1,800 B-forms**, **3,000 Nikkah Namas**, **600 death certificates** and **3,000 Votes** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **1,500 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **2,000 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
- 8. Facilitated **125 women** in the health centres for safe deliveries
- 9. Constructed **15 water tanks** with the help of Government
- 10. Helped **650 people** in receiving **Rs. 5,000** from EHSAAS Program

Women leaders of the **LSO Sujaag** 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.

Provision of Clean Drinking Water

In the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Sujaag Union Council (UC) Petaro, there was no supply of clean drinking water which put the community dwellers in distress. The community members had to walk 3 to 4 kilometres to fetch drinking water from the available water sources. On the other hand, those households who owned motorbikes had to spend Rs.300 on fuel on daily basis to get water for drinking, which was unaffordable in long term. Being aware of the issue leaders of the LSO took this matter to the UC chairman and Deputy Commissioner (DC) and demanded the provision of clean drinking water. After consistent efforts of the LSO leaders and regular follow-ups, the results came fruitful. The water supply scheme was approved for the whole UC and within 2 months the issue was resolved.



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