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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

Dadu

Tehsil:

Dadu

Coverage

36%

Union Council



Rap

Number of Community Organisations (COs)



49 (all women's) Date of Formation



2017

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



all women's)

Total Households in Union Council



1,258

Number of General Body Members



15 (all women) Organised Households



1,088

Number of Executive Committee Members



6 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR **4,073,000**Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 8,077,000 disbursed to





Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,921,000 benefited 140 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 289 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 2 male and 176 female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 398 female beneficiaries through learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

05 schemes (All schemes completed)



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

- 1. Conducted **75 sessions** educating **550 individuals** on various health and educational topics
- 2. Planted **3,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 3,000 children (2,200 boys and 800 girls) in school
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **4,000 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **3,700 CNICs,1,600 B-forms,900 Nikkah Namas, 330 death certificates** and **7,000 Votes** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **5,000 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated 1,400 patients for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government
- 8. Facilitated **550 women** in the health centres for safe deliveries

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.

Facilitation in CNICs Registration

Considering the socio-economic situation of the community members in the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Sujaag, the LSO leaders have anticipatorily been contributing towards the betterment of the people. While listing down the missing resources and opportunities, the LSO leaders discovered that a large majority of the population in the Union Council (UC) especially women were not registered with NADRA. To avail of any financial aid or loan, one always needed a Computerised National Identity Card (CNIC), since they did not possess CNICs they were unable to receive any support from the Government or any other Non-Government Organisation. The LSO leaders began to encourage the male members of the family to support their female members in getting registered with the NADRA. the LSO leaders arranged awareness sessions to aware the community members. After the efforts of the LSO leaders, 3,700 people were registered with the NADRA.



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