

**Issue: 302** 



Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support Programme SUCCESS is funded by the European Union



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 Abdul Wahid Burio



### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



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



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 9,267,000 disbursed to 329 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 905,400 benefited 64 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **186** people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited **14** male beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating **32** female beneficiaries through **04** learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):



(3 schemes completed and 4 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Planted 1,200 trees in different villages of the UC
- 2. Enrolled 1,620 children in schools
- 3. Facilitated the vaccination of 500 individuals against COVID-19
- 4. Registered 2,120 CNICs and 400 Nikkah Namas in the Union Council
- 5. Vaccinated 600 animals with the help of the Livestock Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Abdul Wahid Burio** are planning and implementing development activities both on a self-help basis as well as in collaboration with government agencies. The EU-funded SUCCESS program is empowering rural women in Sindh by realizing the power they gain from collective action. The organized women are gaining awareness about their rights, making the service providers accountable, and are also taking self-initiative to improve their lives.

#### **Powering Home Appliances through Solar Energy**

Residents of the Union Council (UC) Abdul Wahid Burio were devoid of electricity connections. As they were unable to power light bulbs and electric fans, therefore they would spend their nights in total darkness and their summers with minimal heat safety. To improve the lives of these disadvantaged families, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Abdul Wahid Burio approached the UC Chairman for support and requested him the provision of solar panel plates and batteries. In response, the UC Chairman requested the LSO leaders to provide a list of deserving households. Once prepared the list, the UC Chairman bought and provided solar panels to all the deserving families in the UC. Having the electricity supply, enough to power light bulbs and fans, the dwellers now feel grateful to the UC Chairman, as now they can work and rest well.



Provided by the UC Chairman

\*\*\*\* \* \* \*\*\*\* "This publication was produced with the financial support of the European Union. Its contents are the sole responsibility of Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the European Union" Reported by: Bakhtawar Ayaz, Young Development Professional, SUCCESS, RSPN Edited by: Zubaida Yasub, Knowledge Management Officer, SUCCESS, RSPN Designed by: Masha ALLAH Printers, Islamabad



Web: eeas.europa.eu/delegations/pakistan\_en Facebook: European Union in Pakistan Twitter: EUPakistan Web: www.success.org.pk Facebook: successprogramme Twitter: SUCCESSinSindh Web: www.rspn.org Facebook: RSPNPakistan Twitter: RSPNPakistan