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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 Bau Dero



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 6,629,000 disbursed to 262 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR **1,930,000** benefited **130** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **19,476** people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited **38** female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

07 schemes (4 schemes completed and 3 are ongoing) Women leaders of the **LSO Bau Dero** are planning and implementing development activities both on a selfhelp 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 selfinitiative to improve their lives.

Repairing of the Electric Transformer

With the sudden power cuts and other unexpected issues, the only transformer in the village Abdullah Panhwar often stops working while putting the dwellers in challenges. Leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Bau Dero discussed the matter in their monthly meeting and came up with a possible convenient solution and directed a member of the Village Organisation (VO) to take responsibility for the maintenance of the transformer with the available resources. So now she goes door to door and collects funds i.e., 100 rupees from every household and 200 from the economically strong households and calls the Wapda officials to the village and get the transformer repaired. Since she has strong links with the WAPDA officials, they sometimes get it repaired free of cost.





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