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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 Began Jarwar**

Tando AllahYar

Tehsil:

Chamber

Coverage 70%

Union Council



Number of Community Organisations (COs)



(all women's)

Date of Formation



2017

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



7 all women's Total Households in Union Council



2,431

Number of General Body Members



14 (all women) Organised Households



1,700

Number of Executive Committee Members



15 (all women)

### 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 17,227,000 disbursed to

442 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 897,000 benefited 69 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 16,102 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 60 male beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating **92** female beneficiaries through **04** learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

6 schemes

(4 schemes completed and 2 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Planted **1,800 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 2. Enrolled **6,000 children** in schools
- 3. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,431 individuals** against COVID-19
- 4. Registered **3,500 CNICs,7,011 B-forms** and **613 Nikkah Namas** in the Union Council
- 5. Vaccinated **1,780 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
- 6. Treated **170 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Began Jarwar** 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.ram 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.

#### **Illuminating Streets of the UC**

Houses in the Union Council (UC) Began Jarwar had electricity connections, however, due to the lack of streetlights, the paths remained dark during night-time. which had kept the inhabitants from stepping out at night, due to low visibility and safety concerns. Therefore, to illuminate the streets, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Began Jarwar held a meeting with the UC chairman, where a decision to install streetlights on the existing electricity poles was made. This initiative was funded by the UC Chairman who bought 200 streetlights for the whole UC. These lights were then successfully installed. Due to this initiative, the dwellers now can safely step out of their houses at night.





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