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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 Bhali Dino Kaka

District **Matiari**Tehsil: **Saeedabad**

Coverage



71%

Union Council

i Bhali Dino
Kaka

Number of Community Organisations (COs)



(all women's

Date of Formation



2017

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



8 all women's Total Households in Union Council



2,449

Number of General Body Members



13 (all women) Organised Households



1,738

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 **9,861,000** disbursed to **348** households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR **566**,000 benefited **49** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 17,948 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 10 male beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating **76** female beneficiaries through **04** learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

8 schemes

(3 schemes completed and 5 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted **300 sessions** educating **7,000 individuals** on COVID-19, Family planning and Cleanliness
- 2. Planted **684 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled **4,480 children** in schools
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **1,603 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **1,565 CNICs**, **4643 B-forms**, **2,501 Nikkah Namas**, and **101 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **687 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **5,000 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department

Women leaders of **LSO Bhali Dino Kaka** 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.

Madrassa for Girls

Though there were schools for both boys and girls in the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Bhali Dino Kaka there was not any platform where the girls of the community could acquire religious education. The LSO members being observant of the situation held a meeting and decided to collect funds from the community people. In collaboration with some religious leaders from the community, the LSO members started collecting funds and constructed a Madrassa for girls in Bhali Dino Kaka. A female teacher and a male teacher now offer their voluntary services to teach the girls at Madrassa. The initiative has helped not only the girls to get religious education, but it has also opened ways for the community women to gather at the madrassa and offer prayers collectively.





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