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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 Faqir Nooh Hothyani



#### 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 10,174,000disbursed to 252 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR **2,225,000** benefited **168** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **24,746** people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited **55** male beneficiaries

Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating **94** female beneficiaries through **04** learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):



(8 schemes completed and 1 is ongoing)

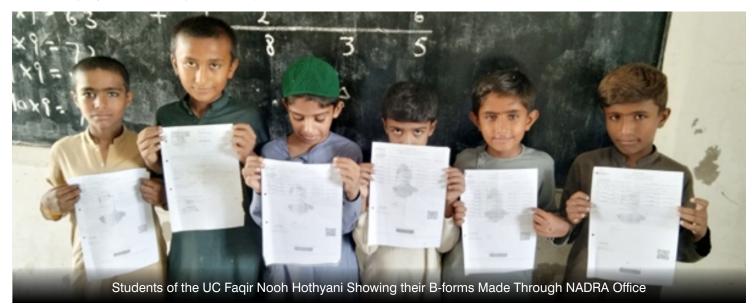
## Activities implemented through self-help and in collaboration with Government and other development agencies:

- 1. Planted 2,423 trees in different villages of the UC
- 2. Enrolled 200 children in schools
- 3. Facilitated the vaccination of 1,500 individuals against COVID-19
- 4. Registered 2,324 CNICs and 1,200 Nikkah Namas in the Union Council
- 5. Vaccinated 2,423 animals with the help of the Livestock Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Faqir Nooh Hothyani** 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 self-initiative to improve their lives.

### **Ensuring Children Civil Registration**

When the government school at Union Council (UC) Faqir Nooh Hothyani became functional, only a few children were able to enroll there. It was because most of the children in the UC had not registered B-forms. Therefore, to facilitate the parents in obtaining B-forms for their children, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Faqir Nooh Hothyani, sent an application to the NADRA officials and requested the provision of transportation from the UC to the NADRA office. By doing so the LSO leaders were able to register 400-500 B-forms at their UC. This not only resulted in swift enrolment of the children in school, but these children now also get stipend worth PKR 1,500-2,000, which supports them in buying the necessary school supplies.



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