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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 Ghulamullah Otho

District **Sujawal**Tehsil: **Jati**

Coverage

70%

† † Ghulamullah † † Otho

Number of Community
Organisations (COs)

COS

103
(all women's)

Union Council

Date of Formation

2017

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



13 all women's) Total Households in Union Council



2,801

Number of General Body Members



12 (all women) Organised Households



1,947

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 7,924,000 disbursed to households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 5,213,00 benefited 401 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 802 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefite 13 male and 36 female beneficiaries



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



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

7 schemes

(04 schemes completed and 03 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted **2,927 awareness** sessions educating **73,175 individuals** on family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination, and COVID-19 vaccination.
- 2. Planted **2,500 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled 1,500 children (1,380 boys and 120 girls) in schools
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **1,927 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **6,785 CNICs, B-forms, 200 Nikkah Namas,** and **141 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **1,280 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **132 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Ghulamullah Otho** are planning and implementing development activities both on self-help basis as well as in collaboration with government agencies. The EU-funded SUCCESS programme is empowering rural women in Sindh by realising the power they gain from collective action. The organised women are gaining awareness about their rights, making the service providers accountable and are taking self-initiatives to improve their lives.

Increasing Civil Registration

Dwellers of the Union Council (UC) Ghulamullah Otho were facing troubles in buying assets like land or motorbikes, as they did not possess Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs). Therefore, the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Ghulamullah Otho decided to facilitate them in this matter. The LSO leaders after convincing their community members of the importance of having CNICs requested the NADRA officials to arrange a transport facility to the UC. Subsequently, after NADRA's approval, the LSO leaders gathered the community members at LSO offices and accompanied them to the NADRA office, multiple times. Through this initiative, they were able to register 6,785 CNICs in the UC. Whereas buying assets is no longer an issue for UC dwellers now.



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