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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 Khokhar



### 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 **13,869,000** disbursed to **387** households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR **2,251,000** benefited **186** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **20,195** people/population covered



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



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating **62** female beneficiaries through **04** learning Centres

Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

**U6** schemes (3 schemes completed and 3 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Planted 2,500 trees in different villages of the UC
- 2. Enrolled 2,984 children in school
- 3. Facilitated the vaccination of 2,210 individuals against COVID-19
- 4. Registered 1,100 CNICs, 340 B-forms, 2,000 Nikkah Namas in the Union Council
- 5. Vaccinated **3,010 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 6. Treated **122 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Khokhar** 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 also taking self-initiatives to improve their lives.

#### **Construction of Paved Walkways**

Restricted mobility due to unpaved and potholed roads has been a significant challenge in rural areas. The routine activities of the residents would always get postponed whenever it rains. The rainwater would remain on the broken and patchy roads for days, making the walkways slippery thus limiting the movement of the dwellers. However, to mitigate the issue, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) held meetings with the Chairman of the Union Council (UC) and expounded on the situation. After visiting the locale, the UC Chairman approved their request and, on his approval, a proper paved road was constructed. The initiative has improved and enhanced the mobility of people in UC Khokhar.



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