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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 Kothi

District
Sujawal
Tehsil:
Jati

Coverage



Union Council



Kothi

Number of Community
Organisations (COs)



115 (all women's) Date of Formation



2017

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



14 Ill women's) Total Households in Union Council



3,090

Number of General Body Members



28 (all women) Organised Households



2,171

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 8,003,000 disbursed to 236 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 3,796,000 benefited 292 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 693 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited $73\,$ male and $130\,$ female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating **73** female beneficiaries through **04** learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

11 schemes

(04 schemes completed and 7 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted **3,500 awareness** sessions educating individuals on family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination, Covid-19 vaccination.
- 2. Planted **2,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled **2,000 children** in schools
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **8,000 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **2,171 CNICs, 18,00 B-forms, 133 Nikkah Namas,** and **500 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **7,000 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **1,000 patients** free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Kothi** 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.

Enhancing Mobility in the Union Council Kothi

Like other local Support Organisations (LSOs), damaged and irregular roads were the major issue in many villages of the LSO Kothi. The residents of those villages had to bear various challenges while walking along these roads, especially during the rainy season. Counting on the leaders of the LSO, the dwellers went to the LSO's monthly meeting and requested support in resolving the mobility issue. Concerning their appeal, leaders of the LSO approached government officials and demanded the construction of proper roads in the villages of Kothi. Their request was approved, and construction was started undertaking of a Member of the National Assembly (MNA). Efforts of the LSO Leaders and members resulted in the pavements and smooth walkways from damaged and unpaved roads. This act brought joy and satisfaction to the faces of the local people who have been suffering for years.





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