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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 Landhi



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 **18,301,000** disbursed to **539** households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR **1,573,000** benefited **124** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **23,480** people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited **91** female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating **91** female beneficiaries through **04** learning Centres

Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):



10 schemes (3 schemes completed and 7 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Planted 1,600 trees in different villages of the UC
- 2. Enrolled 650 children in schools
- 3. Facilitated the vaccination of 2,400 individuals against COVID-19
- 4. Registered **1,050 CNICs, 410 B-forms, 80 Nikkah Namas,** and **45 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 5. Vaccinated 3,100 animals with the help of Livestock Department
- 6. Treated **50 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Landhi** are planning and implementing development activities both on selfhelp 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.

Restoration of the Closed Schools

In the village Wangi Otho of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Landhi children would not go to the schools because of the damaged and crumbling school buildings thus the schools were closed. Parents being worried about the loss and gap in their children's education went to the leaders of the LSO and put forward their appeal. The LSO leaders took the lead and requested the Government Officials for renovating and reopening of schools in the village Wangi Otho. Government Officials approved the request of the LSO leaders and the closed schools in the village Wangi Otho were reconstructed and resumed. Children are now back to the schools and parents are thankful to the LSO leaders for their genuine efforts.

