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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 Muhammad Hussain Hingoro**

District
Matiari
Tehsil:
Matiari

Coverage



70%

Union Council

Muhammad

Hussain Hingoro

Number of Community Organisations (COs)



113 (all women's Date of Formation



2018

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



9 Il women's) Total Households in Union Council



3,132

Number of General Body Members



15 (all women) Organised Households



2,202

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 9,300,000 disbursed to 312 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR **871**,000 benefited **67** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 20,322 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 106 female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 202 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

9 schemes (All schemes are completed) Women leaders of the **LSO Muhammad Hussain Hingoro** are planning and implementing development activities both on a self-help 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.

### **Reviving the Restricted Mobility**

The stagnant water on the streets due to heavy rains in village Mirjat of the Union Council (UC) Muhammad Hussain Hingoro had affected the lives of people enormously limiting their mobility. People could hardly walk through the streets, and children were unable to go to school. Striving to find a solution, the community members went to the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Muhammad Hussain Hingoro and revealed the situation. Paying heed to the issue, the LSO members requested the UC chairman to support them in getting the issue resolved. However, on their appeal, the UC chairman provided machinery to the community to remove the water from the streets. With the combined efforts of the community members, leaders of the LSO and the support of the UC Chairman the issue was resolved.







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