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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 Nobat Mari

District **Matiari** Tehsil: **Matiari**

Coverage



73%

Union Council



Nobat Mari

Number of Community
Organisations (COs)



(all women's

Date of Formation



2017

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



6 all women's Total Households in Union Council



1,853

Number of General Body Members



12 (all women) Organised Households



1,358

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 9,688,000 disbursed to 192 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 496,000 benefited 41 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 12,794 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited **58** female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 94 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

6 schemes (All schemes completed)

Women leaders of the **LSO Nobat Mari** 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.

Advancing Mobility through Road Construction

The main road in Nobat Mari was damaged completely since the community had been using it for many years. People from the other Union Councils (UCs) also use this road; however, the people from Nobat Mari mainly use it. The shabby road was causing various concerns. However, the community people requested the members of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Nobat Mari to help them in resolving the matter. The LSO members make a claim to the district commissioner (DC) and requested Miss Shagufta Almani (Member of the Provincial Assembly) to help them in approving their demand. The DC approved their appeal and within one year, the road construction from Oderolal to Kaisar Sehard was completed. The linked roads were also repaired. The much-needed road construction in the locale helped the community reach anywhere easily. People who have shops and other small businesses in the cities now easily go and come back home on time.





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