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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 Oderolal Village

District
Matiari
Tehsil:
Matyari

Coverage



69%

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Oderolal Village

Number of Community Organisations (COs)

Union Council



(all women's

Date of Formation



2017

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



9 all women's Total Households in Union Council



2,658

Number of General Body Members



13 (all women) Organised Households



1,829

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 13,799,000 disbursed to 316 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 616,000 benefited 44 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 18,711 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited $\bf 36$ female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 113 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

10 schemes

(5 schemes completed and 5 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Conducted **various awareness** sessions educating **19,664 individuals** on COVID-19, Family planning and Cleanliness
- 2. Planted **12,190 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 3. Enrolled **14,400 children** in schools
- 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **53,376 individuals** against COVID-19
- 5. Registered **60,960 CNICs, 51,504 B-forms, 59,808 Nikkah Namas,** and **18,288 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 6. Vaccinated **5,320 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
- 7. Treated **1,336 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department

Women leaders of **LSO Oderolal Village** 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.

Promoting Public Hygiene

The uneven pathways and poor drainage systems in the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Oderolal Village caused the worst challenges for the villagers during the heavy rains. The static water on the patchy roads attracted mosquitos, which caused infections and diseases in the community. Besides this, the heavy rainwater on the roadside also put the community at risk by restricting their mobility. The LSO members looking at the seriousness of the issue thought to seek help from the Wadera of the village to find a practical solution to the problem. The Wadera Sain Akbar Khidri and Sain Imdad Khidri (brothers) themselves had also been affected by the heavy still water all around. The LSO members, Waderas and the community people collected funds via self-help, brought machinery to the location, extracted the stagnant water, and stored it in a pool. The initiative has not only made mobility easy by extracting the stagnant water and draining the streets, but it also helped overcome infections and the stored water will also be used later for irrigation purposes.





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