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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 Palijani

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

Coverage



79%

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Palijani

Number of Community Organisations (COs)

Union Council



108 (all women's Date of Formation



2016

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



8 II women's) Total Households in Union Council



2,276

Number of General Body Members



13 all women) Organised Households



1,802

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**,**763**,**000** disbursed to

291 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 819,000 benefited 62 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 15,254 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 42 male beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 65 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

7 schemes

(4 schemes completed and 3 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Planted **162 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 2. Enrolled **1,635 children** in schools
- 3. Facilitated the vaccination of **740 individuals** against COVID-19
- 4. Registered 328 CNICs, 3,687 B-forms and 2,461 Nikkah Namas in the Union Council
- 5. Vaccinated **700 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
- 6. Treated **510 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Palijani** 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.

Assisting the Poor Families

Fifteen families in the Union Council (UC) Palijani did not have water hand pumps installed in their houses. These household members would have to travel far even to reach their nearest neighbours and felt uncomfortable troubling them at night. To help these families' leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Palijani made a list of the households in need of a water hand pumps and invited the UC chairman to their monthly LSO meeting. After presenting the list of the households, the LSO leaders explained their economic situation and requested the UC chairman for help. The UC chairman favourably agreed and provided hand pumps to these fifteen households. It took a month and a half to buy and install these hand pumps. Since then, these families feel satisfied, as now they can access potable water within their homes.





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