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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 Tajpur

District

Matiari

Tehsil:

Matiari

Coverage



76%

Union Council



Tajpur

Number of Community Organisations (COs)



108 (all women's Date of Formation



2018

Number of Village Organisations (VOs)



II Women's)

Total Households in Union Council



2,768

Number of General Body Members



12 all women) Organised Households



2,093

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 10,773,000 disbursed to 302 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR **8**,70,000 benefited **58** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 227 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 50 male and 40 female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 200 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):

5 schemes

(02 schemes completed and 03 are ongoing)

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

- 1. Planted **1,300 trees** in different villages of the UC
- 2. Enrolled **233 children** (80 boys and 153 girls) in schools
- 3. Facilitated the vaccination of **4,480 individuals** against COVID-19
- 4. Registered **1,453 CNICs, 560 B-forms, 425 Nikkah Namas,** and **400 death certificates** in the Union Council
- 5. Vaccinated **3,200 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
- 6. Treated **350 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Tajpur** are planning and implementing development activities both on self-help 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.

Distribution of Ration Bags and Sewing Machines

Leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Tajpur strived hard to help the poorest households in the Union Council (UC). Many of the households were living in acute poverty because of having minimum earning recourses. Some of them did not have access to electricity as well. The LSO leaders approached various relevant government authorities and discussed the issue. Officials also visited the households to witness the situation. However, the efforts of the LSO leaders paid off and the government authorities provided 400 households with ration bags, 153 households with sewing machines and 15 households with solar plates.



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