

What are LSOs?

LSOs or Local Support Organisations are central to the 'Social Mobilisation' approach of the Rural Support Programmes (RSPs). In a bid to reduce poverty and empower marginalised people (especially women), the RSPs under SUCCESS, mobilise rural women into a three-tiered structure, which consists of Community Organisations (COs) - neighbourhood level community groups, Village Organisations (VOs) - village level federations of COs, and LSOs - union council level federations of VOs. LSOs are able to carry out community-led development at a much greater level due to the advantage they gain from numbers. As the tertiary tier, LSOs are also uniquely able to develop linkages with government and non-government organisations, donor agencies and the private sector.







LSO Initiatives

Karam Khan Nizamani Local Support Organisation

<p>District Matiari</p> <p>Tehsil: Halla</p>	<p>Union Council Karam Khan Nizamani</p>	<p>Date of Formation July 30 2017</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council 2,425</p>	<p>Organised Households 1,702</p>
<p>Coverage 70.2%</p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) 74 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 08 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members 28 (all women)</p>	<p>Number of Executive Committee Members 15 (all women)</p>

(LSO Profiles up to 31 May 2021)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,000,000 (4 Million) Initial Sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 6,257,000 disbursed to 223 households</p>	 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 600,000 benefited 40 households</p>
 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 164 households benefitting 1409 people/ population covered.</p>	 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 02 male and 28 female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>07 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI) schemes implemented (5 schemes completed and 2 are ongoing)</p>

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

1. Conducted **251 sessions** educating **2666 individuals** on COVID-19 safety precautionary measures
2. Distributed **1697 soaps** in the UC with the support of NRSP through different projects
3. Distributed ration bags to **930 families** during COVID-19 Pandemic in the UC with the support of Government and philanthropists



4. Facilitated Health Department's **COVID-19 Vaccination** campaign in different villages of UC through which around **425 individuals** have been vaccinated against COVID-19
5. **PKR 12 million** granted to **1000 families** through the support of Federal Government's EHSAS Emergency Cash Programme
6. Provided Immunisation to **1080 children** of the Union Council with the support of Government Health Department
7. Provided **80 Sewing machines, 250 Handpumps** and **20 solar panels** in the UC with the support of UC Chairman
8. Organised a blood camp for **Thalassemia patients** and collected and donated **35 blood units** to the patients
9. Enrolled **1180 children** in the schools of Union Council
10. Registered **1370 CNICs, 1350 B-forms, 340 Nikkah Namas,** and **130 death certificates** in the Union Council
11. Vaccinated **1970 animals** with the help of Livestock Department and Trained CLEW under PINS-ER3 programme
12. Planted **5405 trees** in different villages of the UC with the help of NRSP under PINS-ER3 project and ENRM sector
13. Provided support to **12 fire** affected household on the self-help basis and distributed ration (food), clothes and cash grant to these households
14. Trained **25 males** for 2 months on poultry management with the support of Livestock Department

LSO Karam Khan Nizamani came into existence on July 30, 2017, in Union Council Karam Khan Nizamani, tehsil Halla, district Matiari, under the European Union funded SUCCESS programme. Since the formation of LSO Karam Khan Nizamani, its women leaders are planning and implementing development activities both on self-help basis as well as in collaboration with government agencies and other organisations. 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.

Response to COVID-19

The leaders of LSO Karam Khan Nizamani have made continuous efforts to raise awareness on COVID-19 among the community members. The Community Resource Persons (CRPs) were directed to incorporate the informative messages in their routine Community Awareness Toolkit (CAT) sessions in the CO meetings.



COVID-19 Vaccination

The community members were guided about the threats posed by the deadly virus and precautionary measures essential to prevent it. The CRPs ensured the social distancing of six feet among the participants during the CO meetings. The message on preventive measures such as regular handwashing, social distancing, stay-at-



home practice, and wearing a face mask in public were disseminated through various means. Since the outbreak of COVID-19 Pandemic, CRPs and other community leaders of CO/VO/LSO have conducted 251 sessions in all affiliated 74 COs. These sessions have educated 2666 individuals (women CO members) on the above mentioned COVID-19 precautions.

During the COVID-19 pandemic situation, LSO with the support of UC Chairman, philanthropists and on self-help basis provided in-kind support in the form of essential food items, soaps, etc. to 930 poorest households. 1697 soaps were also distributed in the UC with the support of NRSP under PINS-ER3 and Reckitt Benckiser limited Pakistan. The women LSO leaders with the support of CRPs managed to register the needy families under the Federal Government's EHSAAAS Emergency Cash Programme. 1000 families have received PKR 12,000 each from the Programme. Therefore, the support of LSO leaders and CRPs to these vulnerable families was instrumental in getting PKR 12 million from government sources.

The LSO is also supporting the Government Health department in the COVID-19 vaccination. The COs and VOs have been mobilising the communities for the COVID-19 vaccination and have also supported the health department in COVID-19 vaccination camp through which 525 individuals have been vaccinated against COVID-19. The vaccination process is still in progress in the UC.

Immunisation Campaigns

The women LSO leaders and Community Resource Persons (CRPs) actively supported the Government Health Department in the effective launch of routine immunisation campaigns at the UC level through the CRPs. The families who were previously resisting to



Immunisation Campaign for Children

vaccinate their children were convinced to allow the vaccinations to be given to their children. The children who had been missed during the previous vaccination campaigns were also considered to cover their gap during the next vaccination drive organised by the Health Department. Furthermore, with the help of CRPs, sessions were also delivered to raise the awareness about the significance of routine immunisation in the community. Due to the coordinated efforts of the LSO and Health Department, 1080 children aged 0-23 month have been immunised/vaccinated in the Union Council.

Education Initiatives

LSO Karam Khan Nizamani has also taken educational initiatives with the support of Government Education Department. The LSO leaders are mobilising the community through Community Awareness Toolkit (CAT) sessions and the COs, VOs meetings to educate their children. The efforts of the Community Institutions have brought fruitful results as 1150 children have been enrolled in the schools of Union Council. The LSO continues to make the efforts to raise education awareness among the community members.

Civic Rights - CNIC Registration

Under the SUCCESS programme, the Community Awareness Toolkit (CAT) sessions are delivered to raise awareness about the importance of civic rights. However, the CNIC registration with NADRA is a daunting task as it is a time consuming and an expensive activity. The poorest community members lack awareness and money to reach the NADRA office on self help basis. Therefore, the community leaders approached the NADRA office through different sources to provide a Mobile Registration Van so that all community members including elder, persons with disabilities, and women can easily register for their CNICs. As the population had been motivated through the CAT sessions to complete their documentation with NADRA, the activity of Mobile Registration Van led to the registration of 1370 CNICs, 1350 B-forms, 340 Nikkah Namas and 130 death certificates in the Union Council.

Livestock Vaccination

With the support of the Government and trained Community Livestock Extension Worker - CLEW (under EU funded PINS-ER3 project), LSO has facilitated the vaccination of 1970 animals in the Union Council. The Community Institutions at the ground level supported the livestock department teams in the livestock vaccination and organised 2 livestock vaccination camps in the UC. The vaccination teams visited different villages of the





Union Council and vaccinated all types of the animals at the doorstep/villages of the community.

Tree Plantation

The LSO leaders decided to join hands with the Government of Sindh to promote the tree plantation in the UC. The awareness was raised among the member COs on afforestation to make the community members realise the strategic importance of trees. Furthermore, the LSO leaders approached the Forest Department for provision of rooted trees to be distributed amongst the community members. On the self-help basis and with the support of



NRSP ENRM sector, 1000 saplings were purchased at subsidised rates from the Forest Department. LSO also planted 4100 moringa and 305 fruit plants in the COs &VOs under the EU funded PINS-ER3 Project. Therefore, 5405 trees have been planted in the different villages of the UC.

Collaboration with Sindh Community Foundation

LSO Karam Khan Nizamani is also extending its linkages with other organisations and is supported by a local Non-Profit Organisation named 'Sindh Community Foundation'. The Foundation has provided 10 handpumps to the needy households and have supported 2 widows to start their small businesses (shops) to increase their income levels. It has also registered 32 farmers and have educated them for increasing their income through a trained female community leader. Furthermore, the organisation also aims to support these farmers for any violation of farmer's rights.

Support to the fire affected families

During a fire in village Allah Bux Nizamani of UC Karam Khan Nizamani, 12 families suffered as their entire assets were burnt. The community leaders initiated a fundraiser for these families and collected PKR 10,000. A philanthropist from the vicinity also agreed to provide PKR 10,000 to these needy families. Therefore, a total of PKR 20,000 was raised and given to the affected families as a cash grant. In addition, the LSO members also collected clothes, ration (food) and bedding from the community to support the affected households.



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