











### 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 Muskurahat

<p>Tehsil &amp; District</p>  <p><b>Dadu</b></p>	<p>Union Council</p>  <p><b>Drigh Bala</b></p>	<p>Date of Formation</p>  <p><b>Oct 24 2017</b></p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council</p>  <p><b>3,639</b></p>	<p>Organised Households</p>  <p><b>3,025</b></p>
<p>Coverage</p>  <p><b>83%</b></p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs)</p>  <p><b>137</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs)</p>  <p><b>19</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members</p>  <p><b>50</b> (all women)</p>	<p>Number of Executive Committee Members</p>  <p><b>6</b> (all women)</p>

(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of  
PKR **5,500,000** Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of  
PKR **8,102,000** disbursed to  
**271** households (370 loans)



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of  
PKR **3,871,000** benefited **187** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to  
**742** households providing coverage to  
**3,339** individuals



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST)  
**66** female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):  
**17** schemes



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

1. Reopened a previously dysfunctional school providing education to **400 girls and boys**
2. Enrolled **629 children** in the schools for education
3. Planted **112 trees** in different villages of the UC
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **441 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered the **CNICs of 917 women** community members in the Union Council
6. Helped in guiding and accompanying **150 women for safe deliveries**
7. Provided basic hygiene kits of **1541 women** with the help of Shifa Foundation

Women leaders of LSO Muskurahat 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.

Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) remain a taboo discussion topic for the rural population. The lack of educated and trained female health workers in rural areas add to the problem which subsequently creates a lot of health problems for adolescent girls and women. Due to lack of availability of trained medical staff in rural areas, maternal and child health also suffers as untrained midwives use outdated methods and unhygienic material during deliveries.

Keeping in view these neglected issues, the leaders of LSO Muskurahat proactively began the SRHR discussions during their regular meetings. Door-to-door awareness raising sessions were conducted in the villages of the Union Council. However, the poorest women and girls could not afford basic facilities despite the awareness raising. Therefore, the LSO leaders identified the work of Shifa Foundation on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) and collaborated with them to identify most needy women for receiving the hygienic kits. Through this initiatives, 1541 women and adolescent girls have received access to basic hygiene facilities.



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