



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 Soojharo

 <p>District Kambar Shahdadkot</p>	 <p>Union Council Abad</p>	 <p>Date of Formation June 22 2017</p>	 <p>Total Households in Union Council 1,701</p>	 <p>Organised Households 1,288</p>
 <p>Coverage 83%</p>	 <p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) 57 (all women's)</p>	 <p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 07 (all women's)</p>	 <p>Number of General Body Members 14 (all women)</p>	 <p>Number of Executive Committee Members 05 (all women)</p>

(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of
PKR **5,079,200**
Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of
PKR **12,772,500** disbursed to
710 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of
PKR **1,446,000** benefited **110** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to
299 households



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST)
benefited **101 female** beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):
04 schemes
(2 schemes completed and 2 are ongoing)



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

1. Distributed ration to **200 poor households** during COVID-19 with the help of a philanthropist
2. Provided **150 sewing machines and 15 solar panels** to the needy community members by collaborating with UC chairman
3. Conducted a **Safae Muham** (cleaning campaign) across the UC
4. Registration of **300 CNICs** of female community members and **180 B-Forms** in the UC
5. Planted **300 trees** across the UC
6. Facilitated the vaccination of **500 women** against COVID-19
7. **Approved a street** in village Theba by collaborating with Government officials

Women leaders of LSO Soojharo 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.

A Street in Village 'Theba'

The roads in village Theba of UC Abad are considered dangerous due to awful infrastructure of roads. Due to this, people living in the area have suffered from terrible injuries and this has contributed negatively to the development and economic growth.

The members of LSO came forward and highlighted the issue to the UC chairman. After meeting him, the LSO leaders concluded that the UC Chairman is uninterested to take any action on the issue. The brave leaders of LSO Soojharo approached a media platform and reported the issue by briefing about the awful condition of the street of village Theba. As the footage went viral, the Deputy Commissioner responded to their request and asked them to report the issue at his office. Since it was difficult for all leaders to travel to the DC office, they used the quick communication apps such as WhatsApp to share the condition of street of village Theba. The Deputy Commissioner approved the street reconstruction for the length of 1500 ft. However, since the 1500 ft did not cover the entire area of the street, the LSO leaders approached the Deputy Commissioner once more and managed to convince him for the reconstruction of the entire street. Soon, he approved the construction of street for the length of 2200 ft. It took 2 weeks to construct the street and now the residents of village Theba are living a better life with a clean and well-built street.

The LSO leaders shared that "The SUCCESS programme has given us a strong will to fight for ourselves and we will fight for our rights, no matter what."



CNIC Registration of Female Community Members at LSO Soojharo



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