



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 Sekhat

District Matiari Tehsil: Matiari	Union Council Sekhat	Date of Formation Oct 06 2017	Total Households in Union Council 3,142	Organised Households 2,507
Coverage 79.7%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 136 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 7 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 29 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members 15 (all women)

(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of
PKR **4,000,000** (4 million)
Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of
PKR **4,940,000** disbursed to
276 households & **298** loans



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of
PKR **3,270,000** benefited **218** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to
440 households benefiting
3,970 people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST)
benefited **19 male** and **112 female**
beneficiaries



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



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

1. Conducted **204 awareness sessions** educating **2,615 (2349 female & 266 male)** individuals on COVID-19
2. Planted **3,500 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **990 children (690 boys and 300 girls)** in school with support of Education Department
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **4,000 individuals** against COVID-19 and supported COVID-19 vaccination camps held in UC through Health Department
5. Registered **880 CNICs, 550 B-forms, 330 Nikkah Namas,** and **300 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **1,202 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Ensured routine immunisation of **1,500 children** by supporting District Health Department EPI teams
8. Distribute **200 hand pumps** among the needy households with the help of UC Chairman
9. Provided PKR **3.78 million** for arranging the marriages of daughters from poor households with the support of Madarsa Islamia
10. Provided goats and poultry birds to **250 households** for improving the nutrition of < 5-year children & PLWs through the support of Sindh Rural Partners Organisation (SRPO)

Women leaders of LSO Sekhat 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.

Taking Care of Communities

The women community leaders of LSO Sekhat looked after the poor families who were unable to manage the expenses of the wedding ceremonies of their daughters. The General Secretary of LSO Sekhat reached out to Madrasa Islamia through her father and sought support regarding this matter. Through this effort, the LSO leaders were able to arrange PKR 3.78 million for 35 poor families to support them with the marriages.

The LSO Sekhat has also taken an initiative to maximise the

nutritional values in poor families containing children < 5 years and pregnant & lactating women. Before the formation of LSO, the community did not know about the organisations working to improve the nutritional conditions in the area. The formation of LSO provided a platform to such organisations for smooth and effective implementation of their nutrition enhancement agendas/projects. Through the support of one such organisation, Sindh Rural Partners Organisation (SRPO), the LSO provided 5 goats and 10 poultry birds to 250 needy households.



LSO leaders meeting the local teacher for enrolment & attendance of children in schools



Tree Plantation in Households of LSO Sekhat



Livestock Vaccination Drive in the Union Council



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