

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 Eman

District Kamber Shahdadkot Tehsil: Nasirabad	Union Council Dhamraho	Date of Formation July 14 2018	Total Households in Union Council 2,286	Organised Households 1,401
Coverage 61%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 76 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 12 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 24 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members 07 (all women)

(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 19,913,400 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 8,823,571 disbursed to 1,158 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 5,289,380 benefited 322 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 509 households benefiting 4,523 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 15 male and 61 female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 12 schemes (10 schemes completed and 2 are ongoing)</p>



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

1. Planted **1000 trees** in different villages of the UC
2. Enrolled **150 children** (100 boys and 50 girls) in school
3. Facilitated the vaccination of **150 individuals** against COVID-19
4. Registered **200 CNICs** and 50 Nikkah Namas in the Union Council
5. Provided **15 solar fans** to the needy families by collaborating with UC Chairman
6. Registered **150 poor** households in the Ehsas Roshan Programme
7. Built **250 washrooms** and **15 hand pumps** across the UC with the support of Mangi Memorial Trust
8. Conducted **cleaning campaign** (Safae Muham) across the Union Council
9. Distributed ration to **20 households** from LSO savings during the COVID-19

Women leaders of LSO Eman 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.

Sheltering Each Other

Having a house is an underrated blessing. The houses in the villages are fragile as they are mostly made of clay and bricks only. A widow member of LSO Eman from VO Jamelabad was deprived of shelter as her fragile house was ruined due to heavy rain. Due to her poor financial condition and lack of a decent source of income, she was unable to afford the reconstruction of the house. Understanding the gravity of situation, LSO leaders discussed the issue with other members and motivated them to support their fellow in need. In proceeding, a committee

was formed to take care of the issue and to collect money from the villagers. Upon collection of sufficient funds, a room was reconstructed to provide shelter to the needy. This initiative not only provided a living space to the poor family but also promoted harmony for a cause among the LSO members. As the LSO leaders mentioned, "Thanks to the SUCCESS programme. We realised the vitality of teamwork and helping each other".



Reconstruction of a Room for Widow Member of LSO Eman



Washroom Construction in the UC Dhamraho



Access to Electricity through Provision of Solar Panels



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