

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 Mirabad

District Tando Allahyar Tehsil: Jhandomari	Union Council Mirabad	Date of Formation July 26 2016	Total Households in Union Council 2,840	Organised Households 2,363
Coverage 83.2%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 116 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 9 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 35 (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 4,736,000 Initial Sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 17,382,000 disbursed to 492 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,249,000 benefited 173 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 400 households benefitting 3,574 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 24 male and 141 female beneficiaries	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 105 female beneficiaries through 4 learning Centres



 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):
7 schemes
 (6 schemes completed and 1 are ongoing)



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

1. Conducted **7,200 awareness sessions** on various health and education related topics
2. Planted **1,200 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **1,000 children (700 boys and 300 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **8,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **7,080 CNICs, 200 B-forms,** and **260 Nikkah Namas** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **250 animals** with the help of Livestock Department

Women leaders of **LSO Mirabad** 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.

Power Supply Through Renewable Energy

With no supply of electricity to power fans and lightbulbs in Union Council Mirabad, the heat becomes difficult to bear during days and the villages plunge further into darkness at night. This leaves the residents unable to complete different tasks, wasting their time and delaying their work. When the Local Support Organisation (LSO) members brought this issue to the notice of the UC Chairman, it was

acted upon after a while. The plausible solution in this case was installation of solar panels. Therefore, around 100-150 households in Mirabad were provided with solar plates along with the batteries. Through this, the locals powered lightbulbs and fans. Now, the villagers can rest under fans during hot summer days, the children can study and women are able to earn by stitching clothes at night.



A Solar Panel Provided by Chairman of UC Mirabad



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