









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 Missan

District Tando AllahYar Tehsil: Jhandomari	Union Council Missan	Date of Formation  16 2018	Total Households in Union Council  2,996	Organised Households  2,121
Coverage  71%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  89 <small>(all women's)</small>	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  10 <small>(all women's)</small>	Number of General Body Members  15 <small>(all women)</small>	Number of Executive Committee Members  27 <small>(all women)</small>

(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,479,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 10,981,000 disbursed to 291 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 975,000 benefited 65 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 181 households benefitting 1,520 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 30 male and 29 female beneficiaries	 Enterprise Development supporting 9 male and 14 female beneficiaries through the formation of 7 Business Development Groups (BDGs)
 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 100 female beneficiaries through 4 learning Centres	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 7 schemes (5 schemes completed and 2 are ongoing)



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

1. Conducted **3,480 awareness sessions** educating **76,560 individuals** on various poverty, health and education topics
2. Planted **700 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **1,280 children (750 boys and 530 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **7,500 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **5,960 CNICs, 178 B-forms, 200 Nikkah Namas** and **180 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **304 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **5,500 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department

Women leaders of **LSO Missan** are planning and implementing development activities both on a self-help basis as well as in collaboration with government agencies. The EU-funded **SUCCESS** program 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-initiative to improve their lives.

Promoting Education and Learning

Due to poor socioeconomic status of rural communities in Sindh, the parents face multiple challenges in affording school supplies for their children. Therefore, “Waseela-e-Taleem” scholarship, as provided by Benazir Income Support Program (BISP), is an initiative to support the students from poor households. However, it was inaccessible for children in Ghulam Ali Laghari village due to lack of proper information about the procedure to avail it. The leaders of Local Support Organisation Missan

discussed this issue in their meetings and decided to meet with BISP representatives. They identified the number of children in their community and submitted application forms on their behalf. This helped the students in availing this scholarship, which facilitated them in buying the necessary school items, like books, uniforms, shoes, bags and stationary. Now the villagers are left with no reason to keep their children from attending school.



Children from Village Ghulam Ali Laghari Posing with Their Scholarship Certificates as Provided by Benazir Income Support Program (BISP)



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