









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 Shahpur Rizvi

District Tando AllahYar Tehsil: Jhandomari	Union Council Shahpur Rizvi	Date of Formation  01 2016	Total Households in Union Council  2,913	Organised Households  2,099
Coverage  72%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  92 <small>(all women's)</small>	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  9 <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 4,812,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 19,063,021 disbursed to 455 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,460,000 benefited 108 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 343 households benefitting 2,918 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 26 male and 76 female beneficiaries	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 101 female beneficiaries through 4 learning Centres



 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):
7 schemes
 (All schemes completed)



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

1. Conducted **6,120 awareness** sessions educating **1,800 individuals** on various topics including poverty, health and education
2. Planted **1,011 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **1,865 children** (1,000 boys and 865 girls) in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **6,066 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **4,500 CNICs, 577 B-forms,** and **400 Nikkah Namas** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **5,000 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **12,000 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department

Women leaders of **LSO Shahpur Rizvi** are planning and implementing development activities both on a 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-initiative to improve their lives.

Promoting Maternal and Child Health

Due to unavailability of a gynaecologist in the community, women in Union Council Shahpur Rizvi relied on the community midwife for childbirth. Deliveries through unskilled birth attendants resulted in compromise on child and woman's health due to untreated pregnancy complications. Moreover, there were no family planning and antenatal care services, such as ultrasound testing, in these villages and the women could not afford to travel to city in order to avail them. Taking this issue into consideration the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Shahpur Rizvi members invited the District Health Officer

(DHO) to their LSO meeting to find a practical solution. As a result, the DHO connected the LSO leaders to the staff of Civil Hospital, Hyderabad. They now offer free of cost testing and treatment services like ultrasound and caesarean-sections. In addition, they also get a travel allowance worth PKR 600-700. Rani, the general secretary of LSO, facilitates women from her district and others with this opportunity and accompanies them to the hospital. This initiative has helped women in stopping multiple pregnancies, follow birth spacing, complete their antenatal care visits, and deliver safely at the hospital.



Rani, General Secretary of LSO, Accompanying Women to Civil Hospital, Hyderabad



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