

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 Usman Shah Huri

District Tando AllahYar Tehsil: Jhandomari	Union Council Usman Shah Huri	Date of Formation 2017	Total Households in Union Council 2,668	Organised Households 1,976
Coverage 74%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 83 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 7 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 28 (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 4,408,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 13,937,000 disbursed to 340 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 840,000 benefited 56 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 155 households benefitting 1,339 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 0 male and 113 female beneficiaries	 Enterprise Development supporting 0 male and 7 female beneficiaries through the formation of 2 Business Development Groups (BDGs)
 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 103 female beneficiaries through 4 learning Centres	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 6 schemes (All schemes completed)



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

1. Conducted **2,908 awareness** sessions educating individuals on various health and education topics
2. Planted **1,142** trees in different villages of the Union Council
3. Enrolled **3,035 children** (1,646 boys and 1,389 girls) in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **300 individuals** in refusal villages against COVID-19
5. Registered **4,754 CNICs, 3,008 B-forms,** and **1,396 Nikkah Namas** in the Union Council

Women leaders of **LSO Usman Shah Huri** 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

Promoting Maternal and Child Healthcare

The women in village Allah Rakhio Pathan consulted the midwives for childbirth due to costly treatment at the hospital. Utilising services from untrained and unskilled birth attendants led to various maternal and child health issues. The members of Local Support Organisation (LSO) Usman Shah Huri brought this issue to notice in their LSO meetings and emphasised on the need for cost-free, universally endorsed treatment for childbirth. The LSO leaders had already obtained a list of People's Primary Healthcare Initiative (PPHI) hospitals in their districts which helped them in locating the adjacent PPHI dispensary. The LSO leaders reached out to the Basic Health Unit (BHU) in village Allah Rakhio Pathan and applied for at-hospital delivery facilitation. As the request was accepted, the women of village Allah Rakhio Pathan now deliver at village BHU and also get tested for diagnosis confirmation for free. This has decreased the risks for maternal and child death posed by the deliveries through unskilled traditional birth attendants.



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