

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 Ehsas

District Larkana Tehsil: Larkana	Union Council Bero Chandio	Date of Formation Jan 22 2019	Total Households in Union Council 1,748	Organised Households 1,108
Coverage 63%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 49 (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 4,013,100 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 10,344,600 disbursed to 585 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,719,000 benefited 136 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 195 households benefitting 9 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 17 male and 11 female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 5 schemes (All schemes completed)</p>



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

1. Conducted **64 sessions** educating **756 individuals** on cleanliness, family planning, and COVID-19
2. Planted **7,500 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **2,800 children** (1,500 boys and 1,300 girls) in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **4,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **3,500 CNICs, 500 B-forms, 60 Nikkah Namas,** and **40 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **3,000 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **1,900 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
8. Provided stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **1,000 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme

Women leaders of **LSO Ehsas** 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.

Emergency Food Relief During COVID-19 Pandemic

The economic impact of COVID-19 pandemic was worst for the villagers of Union Council (UC) BeroChandio. Due to upsurge of unemployment, the community were left unable to afford basic food items to survive. The Local Support Organisation (LSO) Ehsas pointed out the magnitude of this issue in their monthly meeting and realised that an immediate action was required for this purpose. Therefore, the Chairman of UC BeroChandio was invited to the LSO meeting and an appeal for aid was made. After several more meetings to convince the UC Chairman, the request was finally accepted, and 150 households were provided with ration packs. This initiative was able to provide immediate and direct assistance to the families who were in urgent need of food to survive.



A woman from Union Council (UC) BeroChandio Opening Her Food Ration Pack



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