










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 Aas

| | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| District Larkana Tehsil: Dokri | Union Council  Seehar | Date of Formation  Dec 28 2017 | Total Households in Union Council  1,828 | Organised Households  1,352 |
| Coverage  74% | Number of Community Organisations (COs)  56 (all women's) | Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  9 (all women's) | Number of General Body Members  18 (all women) | Number of Executive Committee Members  7 (all women) |

(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,829,904 Initial sub-grant as CIF |  Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 9,381,650 disbursed to 600 households |
|  Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,224,400 benefited 194 households |  Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 327 households benefitting 14 people/population covered |
|  Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 10 male and 153 female beneficiaries |  Enterprise Development Supporting 109 female beneficiaries through the formation of 06 Business Development Group (BDGs) |



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



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

1. Conducted **151 sessions** educating **1,936 individuals** on COVID-19, cleanliness, family planning, and legal aid
2. Planted **6,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **2,700 children** (1,000 boys and 1,700 girls) in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **7,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **2,000 CNICs, 700 B-forms, 800 Nikkah Namas,** and **100 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **5,000 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **300 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
8. Provided ration packs to **500 households** through the help of UC Chairman
9. Provided **300 solar panels** and **300 solar fans** through the help of UC Chairman

Women leaders of **LSO Aas** 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.

Educating Women of Union Council (UC) Seehar

Illiteracy was widespread in Union Council (UC) Seehar. Incompetence to read basic words or write their names, the individuals bore its consequences in the form of poorer employment opportunities, welfare dependency and misuse of expired medicines. Therefore, the agenda to empower women by making them able to read and write was discussed in Local Support Organisation (LSO) Aas meetings. As a collective decision, the LSO leaders went to meet the representatives of National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) and requested for the opening of a community learning centre. The appeal was soon approved, and a learning centre was opened in the UC. As a result, multiple women and young girls enrolled to the learning centre. Currently, most women in the UC are able to read and write. They feel satisfied and proud, as now they feel capable of achieving much more in life.



Women of UC Seehar Attending A Session on Writing and Reading in Community Learning Centre as Provided by National Commission for Human Development (NCHD)



"This publication was produced with the financial support of the European Union. Its contents are the sole responsibility of Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the European Union"

Reported by: Ramla Zainab, Young Development Professional, SUCCESS, RSPN
Edited by: Yumna Fida, Young Development Professional, SUCCESS, RSPN
Designed by: Masha ALLAH Printers, Islamabad

THE LSO INITIATIVES SERIES IS BY THE
RURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMMES NETWORK



Web: eeas.europa.eu/delegations/pakistan_en
Facebook: European Union in Pakistan
Twitter: EUPakistan

Web: www.success.org.pk
Facebook: [successprogramme](https://www.facebook.com/successprogramme)
Twitter: [SUCCESSinSindh](https://twitter.com/SUCCESSinSindh)

Web: www.rspn.org
Facebook: [RSPNPakistan](https://www.facebook.com/RSPNPakistan)
Twitter: [RSPNPakistan](https://twitter.com/RSPNPakistan)