










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 Abad

District Larkana Tehsil: Dokri	Union Council  Samtia	Date of Formation  19 2017	Total Households in Union Council  1,593	Organised Households  1,130
Coverage  71%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  47 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  10 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  20 (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 4,214,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 9,792,560 disbursed to 596 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,818,850 benefited 152 household	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 250 households benefitting 11 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 10 male and 67 female beneficiaries	 Enterprise Development supporting 31 female beneficiaries through the formation of 2 Business Development Groups (BDGs)
 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 40 female beneficiaries through 2 learning Centres	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 08 schemes (7 schemes completed and 1 are ongoing)



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

1. Conducted **104 sessions** educating **1,550 individuals** on various topics
2. Planted **4,500 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **3,720 children** (1,500 boys and 2,220 girls) in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **4,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **3,050 CNICs, 1,950 B-forms, 250 Nikkah Namas,** and **10 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **6,500 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **900 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
8. Provide stipend worth **PKR 12,000 to 300 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme
9. Provided **1,000 soaps** and **1,500 face** mask through Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (PINS) in the Union Council
10. Provided ration packs to **50 households** by the help of UC Chairman

Women leaders of **LSO Abad** 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.

Endorsing Sustainability through Kitchen Gardens

The growing inflation in Pakistan made it difficult for the low-income households of Union Council (UC) Samtia to afford a living and make ends meet. Being aware of the community's poor economic status, the leaders of Local Support Organisation (LSO) Abad decided to take an initiative which would ease their financial difficulties. After considering various practical solutions, the LSO leaders decided to introduce kitchen gardening in their UC. It was driven by the notion to help individuals grow their own vegetables in a sustainable way. Therefore, the idea was discussed with the community members, who decided to contribute some amount in order to purchase seeds from the market. Being satisfied with the decision, the villagers devotedly planted their vegetables and used their kitchen water for its growth. As of now, the villagers enjoy the fruit of their hard work and creativity, while sustaining a healthy environment.



Villager from UC Samtia Collecting Vegetables from Her Kitchen Garden
Made Through Joint Community Efforts of LSO Abad



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