

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 Kambar Shahdatkot Tehsil: Miro Khan	Union Council Allahbad	Date of Formation Dec 08 2018	Total Households in Union Council 1,909	Organised Households 1,336
Coverage 70%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 74 (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 5,988,860 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 6,168,700 disbursed to 353 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,330,610 benefited 165 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 472 households benefitting 27 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 0 male and 70 female beneficiaries	 Enterprise Development Supporting 17 female beneficiaries through the formation of 01 Business Development Group (BDGs)



 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):
4 schemes
 (3 schemes completed and 1 are ongoing)



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

1. Conducted **172 sessions** educating **3,270 individuals** on various topics
2. Planted **17,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **3,000 children** (1,500 boys and 1,500 girls) in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **14,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **1,600 CNICs, 500 B-forms, 200 Nikkah Namas,** and **50 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **5,000 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **1,000 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
8. Provide stipend worth **PKR 12,000 to 1,000 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme
9. Provided ration packs to **150 households** by the help of UC Chairman

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.

Finding Solutions to Water Crisis

Women of Union Council (UC) Allahbad had to walk hours to collect drinkable water each day, which negatively impacted their health and wasted their time. Making matters worse, if the families were left without water at night, they remained thirsty and waited for the next morning to collect water, on an empty stomach. Besides, they also refrained from bathing due to water scarcity and welcomed multiple preventable diseases. Taking this issue into consideration, the Local support organisation (LSO) Ehsas held a meeting with community members and asked for achievable solutions. As a result, one of the community members apprised about a social worker she knew, who could help them in this regard. Through this information, the LSO leaders were able to reach the social worker and seek her help. Consequently, the social worker visited the community to observe the need for drinkable water and identify ideal locations for water hand pumps installation. After careful consideration, 10 hand pumps were installed within reach. This long-term solution has improved the lives of multiple families in Union Council (UC) Allahbad.



Community Member Standing with a Hand Pump Provided by a Social Worker in Union Council (UC) Allahbad



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