

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 Al-Nisa

District Larkana Tehsil: Ratodero	Union Council Kohri in Bhand Kubo	Date of Formation Apr 27 2018	Total Households in Union Council 2,361	Organised Households 1,939
Coverage 82%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 90 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 18 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 36 (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 6,182,400 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 16,667,400 disbursed to 990 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,782,680 benefited 158 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 557 households benefiting 10 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 08 male and 62 female beneficiaries	 Enterprise Development supporting 42 female beneficiaries through the formation of 3 Business Development Groups (BDGs)
 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 120 female beneficiaries through 6 learning Centres	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 13 schemes (12 schemes completed and 1 are ongoing)



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

1. Conducted **200 awareness** sessions educating **3,400 individuals** on cleanliness and COVID-19
2. Planted **3,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **3,000 children** (2,000 boys and 1,000 girls) in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **3,500 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **2,250 CNICs, 800 B-forms, 800 Nikkah Namas**, and **25 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **1,000 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **800 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department

Women leaders of **LSO Al-Nisa** 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.

Skill Training for Better Earning

Being uneducated and lacking the necessary skillset to offer the market, the women of Union Council (UC) Khori were left with few opportunities to meet their working potential. They would waste their spare time pointlessly or involve in unpaid work by helping their husbands in the fields. Realising the gap, the LSO leaders decided to visit the social welfare department to unfold the possible employment opportunities for these women. After multiple meetings, the social welfare department decided to collaborate with the LSO Al-Nisa and as a result a stitching and embroidery training institute at Bhai Khan Ghangro village for women was established. It offered a

two-month training course to twenty-five willing, female members of the community, who after completion started taking orders for stitching clothes. To empower more women of the community, the LSO leaders decided to undertake this initiative again through the help of social welfare department, but this time on advance tailoring skills to meet the market demands. As of now, a four-month advance tailoring training programme is planned to commence at village IslamPur of LSO Al-Nisa. Whereas the women of UC are eagerly waiting to gain new skills, earn better, and contribute to their household expenses.



Women from UC Khori Receiving Tailoring Training in Centre Provided by Social Welfare Department



A Display of Market Ready Stitched Suits as Prepared by the Skill Trained Women of UC



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