








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 Keenjhar

<p>District Larkana</p> <p>Tehsil: Larkana</p>	<p>Union Council Vikia Sangi</p> 	<p>Date of Formation</p> <p>Apr 12 2018</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council</p> <p>2,226</p> 	<p>Organised Households</p> <p>1,377</p> 
<p>Coverage</p> <p>62%</p> 	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs)</p> <p>59 (all women's)</p> 	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs)</p> <p>10 (all women's)</p> 	<p>Number of General Body Members</p> <p>20 (all women)</p> 	<p>Number of Executive Committee Members</p> <p>07 (all women)</p> 

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,469,395 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 8,833,400 disbursed to 542 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,982,500 benefited 152 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 230 households benefitting 8 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 4 male and 44 female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 6 schemes (5 schemes completed and 1 are ongoing)</p>



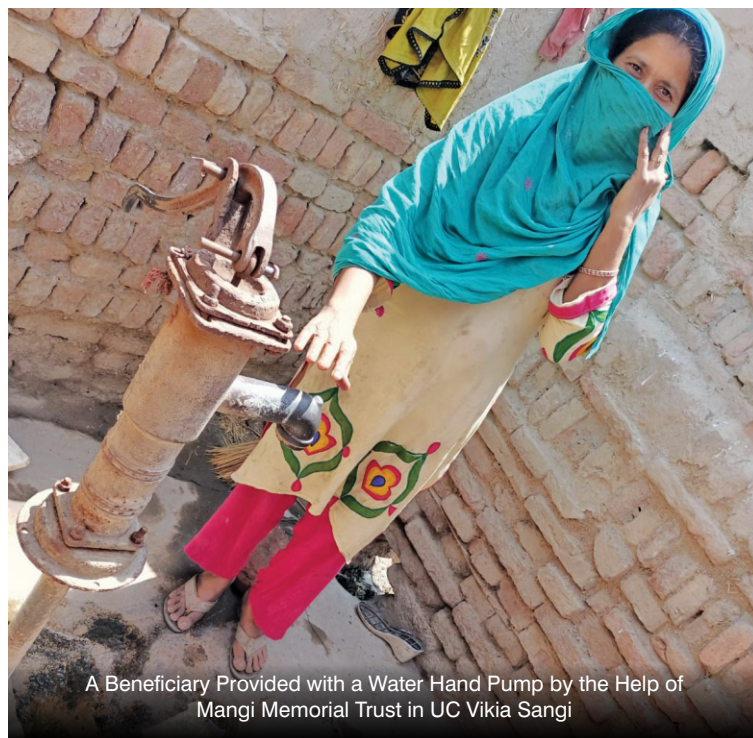
Activities implemented through self-help and in collaboration with Government and other development agencies:

1. Conducted **108 sessions** educating **1,296 individuals** on COVID-19
2. Planted **1,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **1,050 children (500 boys and 550 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **4,000 of individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **2,075 CNICs, 500 B-forms, 50 Nikkah Namas,** and **10 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,850 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **400 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
8. Constructed **215 toilets** in the UC by the help of Mangi Memorial Trust

Women leaders of **LSO Keenjhar** 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 realizing the power they gain from collective action. The organized women are gaining awareness about their rights, making the service providers accountable, and are also taking self-initiative to improve their lives.

Helping Families in Accessing Potable Water

Since formation of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Keenjhar in Union Council (UC) Vikia Sangi, the leaders of the LSO has been assessing the prevalent issues in the community on regular basis and holding meetings to resolve them. During the practice, the LSO leaders were able to identify major issues such as, 7 households in the UC lacked proper water connections which had put the individuals in challenges and multiple burdens in bringing water from the neighbours in order to fulfil their requirements. Consequently, the LSO members opted for using their external linkages with the Mangi Memorial Trust to help those households. However, after having a meeting with the Trust's officials and along with the official's visit to the households led to approve the appeal for provision and installation of 1 hand pump in each house. This has reduced the members of the households' distress, who now no longer have to rely on other's support in accessing drinkable water.



A Beneficiary Provided with a Water Hand Pump by the Help of Mangi Memorial Trust in UC Vikia Sangi



"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)