

### 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 Kheer Thar

<p>District <b>Larkana</b></p> <p>Tehsil: <b>Ratodero</b></p>	<p>Union Council <b>Saidu Dero</b></p>	<p>Date of Formation Jan <b>25</b> 2018</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council <b>3,150</b></p>	<p>Organised Households <b>1,924</b></p>
<p>Coverage <b>61%</b></p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>85</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>16</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members <b>32</b> (all women)</p>	<p>Number of Executive Committee Members <b>5</b> (all women)</p>

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR <b>6,106,800</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>15,507,000</b> disbursed to <b>867</b> households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>2,745,400</b> benefited <b>189</b> households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to <b>478</b> households benefitting <b>189</b> people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>14</b> male and <b>15</b> female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): <b>11</b> schemes (10 schemes completed and 01 are ongoing)</p>

Enterprise Development Supporting **1** male and **63** female beneficiaries through the formation of **04** Business Development Group (BDGs)



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

1. Conducted **196 sessions** educating **2,512 individuals** on cleanliness and COVID-19
2. Planted **9,280 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **5,600 children (3,100 boys and 2,500 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **12,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **1,500 CNICs, 8,000 B-forms, 3,200 Nikkah Namas,** and **400 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **8,900 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **7,500 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
8. Provided stipend worth **PKR 14,000** to **700 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme
9. Installed **16 water hand pumps** in the UC by the help of a philanthropist
10. Provided ration packs to **50 households** by the help of a philanthropist
11. Constructed **20 toilets** in the UC by the help of HANDS Pakistan

Women leaders of **LSO Kheer Thar** 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.

## Enhancing the Physical Infrastructure

The Union Council (UC) Saidu Dero had lacked a proper drainage system, which led to poor hygienic practices and outbreak of multiple infectious diseases. Necessarily, to improve the living standards of the UC dwellers through a better drainage system, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Kheer Thar invited the UC Chairman to join their LSO meeting. The LSO leaders gave an account of the poor hygienic settings where the individuals have been living and requested financial assistance from them in this regard. However, after having several meetings, the UC Chairman approved the request and provided funds for the renovation of the streets and construction of a proper drainage system in the UC. The construction process took a few months to be completed, whereas this has brought an immediate change in the appearance of the streets that now seem more clean and orderly, along with minimizing the risks of outbreaks.



Newly Restored Street Along with Street Side Drainage System in the UC Saidudero through Help of the UC Chairman



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