



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 Khushali

<p>District Kambar Shahdatkot</p> <p>Tehsil: Warah</p>	<p>Union Council Khandu</p>	<p>Date of Formation July 28 2017</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council 456</p>	<p>Organised Households 319</p>
<p>Coverage 70%</p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) 19 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 4 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members 8 (all women)</p>	<p>Number of Executive Committee Members 5 (all women)</p>

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

<p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 1,545,600 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 2,775,800 disbursed to 174 households</p>
<p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 618,060 benefited 49 households</p>	<p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 12 households benefitting 00 people/population covered</p>
<p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 50 female beneficiaries</p>	<p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 04 schemes (All schemes are completed)</p>
<p>Enterprise Development Supporting 50 female beneficiaries through the formation of 01 Business Development Group (BDGs)</p>	<p>Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 1 female beneficiaries through 25 learning Centres</p>



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

1. Conducted **32 sessions** educating **630 Family** Panning, Covid-19 and cleanliness
2. Planted **1,800 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **700 children (400 boys and 300 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **4,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **680 CNICs, 190 B-forms, 30 Nikkah Namas,** and **10 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **1,500 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **200 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
8. Provided stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **150 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme
9. Provided ration packs to **50 households** by the help of UC Chairman

Women leaders of **LSO Khushali** 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.

Prospering the lives of women through Provision of Earning Tools

By cause of limited earning opportunities and illiteracy, female community members of the Union Council (UC) Khandu had no choice but to work in the fields, also had no surety of earning much. In hopes of expanding their earnings these women had received training in tailoring and stitching, however, because of having poor economic conditions they could not afford to buy sewing machines of their own to start earnings. Weary of the issue these women approached leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Khushali and implored for their assistance. By giving close attention to the matter, the LSO leaders sought help of the UC Chairman, who immediately approved their request. The initiative led to 25 women getting sewing machines in the UC, who then started stitching clothes and getting incomes. Along with the improved earnings, working from home has also allowed them to manage multiple household responsibilities as well.



A Female Beneficiary from UC Khandu Stitching Clothes through a Sewing Machine Provided by the UC Chairman



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