










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 Marui

District Larkana Tehsil: Larkano	Union Council  Damrah	Date of Formation  Nov 24 2017	Total Households in Union Council  2,919	Organised Households  2,003
Coverage  69%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  105 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  16 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  32 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members  9 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 5,411,842 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 14,822,404 disbursed to 863 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,457,700 benefited 189 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 402 households benefitting 24 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 8 male and 178 female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 11 schemes (9 schemes completed and 02 are ongoing)
 Enterprise Development Supporting 1 male and 124 female beneficiaries through the formation of 04 Business Development Group (BDGs)	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 40 female beneficiaries through 02 learning Centres



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

1. Conducted **188 sessions** educating **3,450 individuals** on COVID-19, Family Planning and Cleanliness
2. Planted **17,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **8,000 children (4,000 boys and 4,000 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **17,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **2,600 CNICs, 1,500 B-forms, 350 Nikkah Namas,** and **80 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **1,5000 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **2,000 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
8. Provided stipend worth **12,000** to **2,000 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme

Women leaders of **LSO Marui** 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.

Restoring a Closed School

Children in the village Soomro Chandio had been deprived from getting education since the school in the village was closed lacking teachers and infrastructure. With the limited incomes, people were unable to afford the travel expenses and send their children to other villages for education. Bearing in mind the significance of education for every child, the members of Local Support Organisation (LSO) Marui thought to take a step in order to reopen the existing school by utilize their sources. The LSO leaders then sent an application to the Taluka Education Office and requested them to reopen the school by providing the required staff and infrastructure. Representatives from the Taluka office visited the school and approved their appeal by arranging teachers along with the furniture.

The school is functional now and children are getting education at their doorsteps. The initiative has lessened the worries of those parents who although wanted their children to get education but were not in a position to afford it.



LSO Leader Standing in Front of the School Reopened by the Taluka Education Office



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