










### 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 Maseeha

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| District<br><b>Larkana</b><br>Tehsil:<br><b>Ratodero</b>                                                   | Union Council<br> <b>Mahota</b>                                          | Date of Formation<br> <b>Aug 31 2018</b>                               | Total Households in Union Council<br> <b>2,235</b>            | Organised Households<br> <b>1,298</b>                               |
| Coverage<br> <b>58%</b> | Number of Community Organisations (COs)<br> <b>56</b><br>(all women's) | Number of Village Organisations (VOs)<br> <b>10</b><br>(all women's) | Number of General Body Members<br> <b>20</b><br>(all women) | Number of Executive Committee Members<br> <b>7</b><br>(all women) |

## Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

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|  LSO managing CIF Amount of<br>PKR <b>4,831,400</b><br>Initial sub-grant as CIF                                                                                |  Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of<br>PKR <b>7,148,000</b> disbursed to<br><b>400</b> households                     |
|  Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of<br>PKR <b>1,997,000</b> benefited<br><b>143</b> households                                                            |  Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to<br><b>304</b> households benefitting<br><b>52</b> people/population covered        |
|  Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST)<br>benefited <b>1</b> male and <b>64</b> female beneficiaries                                                 |  Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):<br><b>6</b> schemes<br>(4 schemes completed and 02 are ongoing)                    |
|  Enterprise Development Supporting <b>0</b> male<br>and <b>28</b> female beneficiaries through the formation of<br><b>02</b> Business Development Group (BDGs) |  Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS)<br>educating <b>20</b> female beneficiaries through<br><b>01</b> learning Centres |



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

1. Conducted **154 sessions** educating **3,130 individuals** on COVID-19, Family Planning and Cleanliness
2. Planted **6,500 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **6,000 children (2,000 boys and 4,000 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **12,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **4,000 CNICs, 5,000 B-forms, 450 Nikkah Namas,** and **100 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **4,000 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **10,000 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
8. Provided stipend worth **12,000** to **200 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Program
9. Opened a shop for a female through the savings in village kher Bux Mariz
10. Installed **50 Solar panels 20 fans** and **10 solar** road lights, 50 hand pumps with the help of UC chairman
11. Provided **1,000 Masks** and **1,000 soaps** to individuals by the help of HANDS

Women leaders of **LSO Maseeha** 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.

## Supporting A Needy Woman

Poverty hits different individuals differently putting them in a situation where they do not find a single mean of livelihood. Such was a case of a poor woman from the village Kher Bux Mari who had no source of income since her husband was also unemployed. She went to the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Masiha during their meeting to seek their help. She requested the LSO members to raise funds in order to open a shop for her husband so that he could earn some income for their survival.

The LSO leaders after conducting a number of meetings planned to collect money from the members and help her. All members agreed on it and started collecting money. With the funds collected by the LSO members, she has been able to open a shop and her husband is managing and earning quite better from the shop. The initiative has not only helped them in improving their livelihood, it also became a running source for their survival.



The Woman Standing at the Shop Opened by the LSO Members



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