



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 Nae Azadi

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| <p>District Larkana</p> <p>Tehsil: Bakrani</p> | <p>Union Council Mad Bahu</p> | <p>Date of Formation Oct 31 2018</p> | <p>Total Households in Union Council 2,129</p> | <p>Organised Households 1,194</p> |
| <p>Coverage 56%</p> | <p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) 43 (all women's)</p> | <p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 5 (all women's)</p> | <p>Number of General Body Members 10 (all women)</p> | <p>Number of Executive Committee Members 5 (all women)</p> |

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

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| <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,510,992 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p> | <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 10,460,000 disbursed to 598 households</p> |
| <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,076,648 benefited 165 households</p> | <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 284 households benefitting 23 people/population covered</p> |
| <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 3 male and 131 female beneficiaries</p> | <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 4 schemes (4 schemes completed and 0 are ongoing)</p> |
| <p>Enterprise Development Supporting 1 male and 44 female beneficiaries through the formation of 03 Business Development Group (BDGs)</p> | <p>Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 100 female beneficiaries through 05 learning Centres</p> |



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

1. Conducted **10,000 sessions** educating **9,000 individuals** on COVID-19, Family Planning and Immunization.
2. Planted **3,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **700 children (400 boys and 300 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **5,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **500 CNICs, 600 B-forms, 150 Nikkah Namas,** and **10 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **1,000 animals** with the help of Livestock Department

Women leaders of **LSO Nae Azadi** 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 taking self-initiatives to improve their lives.

Distribution of Food Ration by the UC Chairman

The Pandemic of COVID-19 brought so many challenges to the people. The majority of them were daily waged workers thus they had to loss the sources of their earnings during the lockdown as they were restrict to their homes following the SOPs. For not having any other means of income, they had to starve for days helplessly.

Before the situation gets further worst, the members of Local Support Organisation (LSO) Nae Azadi went to the

UC Chairman, discussed the situation and appealed him for provision of ration packs to the poor households.

The UC Chairman approved their request and provided them with Ration packs, which included floor, Ghee, lentils, Spices, Sugar, etc. The packs had sufficient amount of groceries, which made sure the survival of the poorest households.



Noor, a Member of the LSO Receiving the Ration Pack



A Pack of Ration Provided by the UC Chairman



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