LSOs?

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 Soch

District **Kambar Shahdakot** Tehsil: **Kambar**	
Union Council **Gather**	
Date of Formation Apr 28 **2018**	
Total Households in Union Council **1,366**	
Organised Households **1,333**	
Coverage **98%**	
Number of Community Organisations (COs) **67** (all women's)	
Number of Village Organisations (VOs) **10** (all women's)	
Number of General Body Members **20** (all women)	
Number of Executive Committee Members **7** (all women)	

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

LSO managing CIF Amount of
PKR **5,910,225**
Initial sub-grant as CIF

Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of
PKR **13,677,000** disbursed to
755 households

Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of
PKR **1,807,200** benefited
130 households

Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to
292 households benefitting
12 people/population covered

Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST)
benefited **0** male and **88** female beneficiaries

Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):
5 schemes
(4 schemes completed and 01 are ongoing)

Enterprise Development Supporting **0** male
and **17** female beneficiaries through the formation of
01 Business Development Group (BDGs)

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

1. Conducted **1,608 sessions** educating **32,160 individuals** on COVID-19
2. Planted **2,600 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **1,200 children (700 boys and 500 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **7,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **3,500 CNICs, 2,500 B-forms, 450 Nikkah Namas,** and **15 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **4,000 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **800 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department

*Women leaders of **LSO Nae Soch** 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.*

Provisioning the Required School Resources

A girl's school in the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Nae Soch had lacked the required resources such as a proper boundary wall, well organized, classroom and teachers, which led to the complete shutdown of the school. Parents were not willing to send their daughters to the schools in other villages. Intending to get the issue resolved, the leaders of LSO Nae Soch invited the Taluka Education Officer to visit the school. The officials from Taluka Education Office visited the school, viewed the situation in person and provided them with the entire required infrastructure the schools had missing. Facilities that provided included 8 teachers, a boundary wall, and 10 extra classrooms. The initiative helped many girls who dreamt of getting education but had no access to the schools. A large number of girl students are now enrolled in the school and getting education.

Girls Attaining Education in the School after Getting All the Facilities

The School, Which Was Improved by The Aid of Taluka Education Officer