



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 Khushi

<p>District Kambar Shahdakot</p> <p>Tehsil: Warah</p>	<p>Union Council Noorabad</p>	<p>Date of Formation March 30 2018</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council 2,044</p>	<p>Organised Households 1,424</p>
<p>Coverage 67%</p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) 59 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 10 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members 20 (all women)</p>	<p>Number of Executive Committee Members 7 (all women)</p>

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

<p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 7,000,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 14,582,300 disbursed to 846 households</p>
<p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,753,520 benefited 210 households</p>	<p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 465 people/population covered</p>
<p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 2 male and 117 female beneficiaries</p>	<p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 10 schemes (9 schemes completed and 01 are ongoing)</p>



Enterprise Development Supporting **59** female beneficiaries through the formation of **02** Business Development Group (BDGs)



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

1. Conducted **32 sessions** educating **750 individuals** on COVID-19, Family planning and Cleanliness
2. Planted **12,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **2,000 children (1,500 boys and 500 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **12,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **3,150 CNICs, 2,000 B-forms, 1,000 Nikkah Namas,** and **50 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,000 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 **PKR 12,000 to 800 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme
9. Distributed food ration packs to **100 households** by the help of UC Chairman

Women leaders of **LSO Khushi** 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.

Maintenance of Community Infrastructure

The poorly constructed road in the village Bukeja of the Union Council (UC) Noorabad was raising various troubles for the dwellers, like flooding due to rain, accidents due to slippery pathways and delays in reaching places on time. This in turn was becoming a major hurdle in the socio-economic progress and improvement of the UC. Realising the gravity of the issue the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) called for a meeting with the LSO members and asked for a solution for the renovation of the streets. Having close connections with the local government officials, the LSO leaders invited them to their LSO office in hope of getting funds approved for street reconstruction. On visiting, the government officials demonstrated the situation. After observing the sufferings of the dwellers due to poor pathways, first-hand, the government officials decided to approve their funding request. Consequently, all the streets in the UC were reconstructed. The dwellers now feel satisfied due to the fulfilment of their demand as they can now move easily. They also ensured the maintenance of their streets by keeping them clean and patching potholes.



LSO Member Standing on a Newly Renovated Street by the Help of the Local Government



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