












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 Laat

District Larkana Tehsil: Dokri	Union Council  Tatri	Date of Formation  June 24 2017	Total Households in Union Council  1,709	Organised Households  1,214
Coverage  71%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  52 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  12 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  24 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members  7 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,025,691 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 7,306,300 disbursed to 465 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,845,450 benefited 147 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 285 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 3 male and 161 female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 10 schemes (All schemes completed)
 Enterprise Development Supporting 98 female beneficiaries through the formation of 05 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 **154 sessions** educating **2,360 individuals** on Awareness by legal aid, COVID-19 and cleanliness.
2. Planted **8,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **1,500 children (500 boys and 1,000 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **4,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **1,800 CNICs, 800 B-forms, 50 Nikkah Namas,** and **20 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **4,200 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **1,600 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
8. Provided stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **50 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme

Women leaders of **LSO Laat** 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.

Promoting Health Literacy

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) epidemic was a rising issue in different Union Councils (UC) of district Larkana. Whereas, lack of awareness regarding the transmission of HIV infection and its risk factors among the rural community of Larkana district, was putting them at an increased risk of HIV outbreak. Therefore, to minimize the infection risk in the Union Council (UC) Tatri, the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Laat decided to educate the community through HIV awareness sessions. To seek assistance in this matter, the LSO leaders contacted the Interactive Research and Development officials working in the neighbouring UCs. Consequently, through this collaboration, the LSO leaders were able to conduct several sessions on HIV awareness and educate all the UC dwellers. Not only did it result in the community becoming mindful of HIV precautions, but it also encouraged them in being screened for HIV.



Community Members Attending HIV Awareness Session in UC Tatri



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