

### 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 Nao Sij

<p>District <b>Larkana</b></p> <p>Tehsil: <b>Larkano</b></p>	<p>Union Council <b>Phull</b></p>	<p>Date of Formation Dec <b>27</b> 2018</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council <b>1,529</b></p>	<p>Organised Households <b>1,269</b></p>
<p>Coverage <b>83%</b></p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>60</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>10</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members <b>20</b> (all women)</p>	<p>Number of Executive Committee Members <b>5</b> (all women)</p>

## Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR <b>4,135,600</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>5,944,000</b> disbursed to <b>355</b> households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>1,669,500</b> benefited <b>138</b> households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>268</b> people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>01</b> male and <b>55</b> female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): <b>02</b> schemes (All schemes completed)</p>



Enterprise Development Supporting **01** male and **44** 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 **158 sessions** educating **3,050 individuals** on COVID-19, family Planning and cleanliness
2. Planted **7,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **2,750 children (1,500 boys and 1,250 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **6,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **800 CNICs, 500 B-forms, 150 Nikkah Namas,** and **50 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,500 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
8. Provided stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **900 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme
9. Distributed food ration packs to **1,500 households** by the help of UC Chairman

Women leaders of **LSO Nao Sij** 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.

## Plantation Drive

The Union Council (UC) Phull lacked adequate vegetation to cool the environment and provide shade. It was due to the lack of connectivity among the dwellers of the UC that no action was ever taken in this regard. However, with the formation of Local Support Organisation (LSO) Nao Sij in the UC, the LSO leaders were able to unite the individuals together and take collective action on making the UC green. By educating the community about the need for trees in the UC, the LSO leaders convinced the community on contributing to this cause. Through this initiative, the LSO leaders were able to plant around 1,000 plants in the UC. It is anticipated to make the environment more sustainable and cooler in the near future.



LSO Leader with Plants Bought Through Collective Community Contribution During LSO Plantation Drive



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