



What are LSOs?









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 Nigheban

District Kambar Shahdatkot Tehsil: Shahdatkot	Union Council Chakyani	Date of Formation July 12 2018	Total Households in Union Council 1,827	Organised Households 1,279
Coverage 70%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 62 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 9 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 18 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members 7 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 5,338,467 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 11,664,300 disbursed to 659 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,081,180 benefited 141 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 467 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 32 female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 06 schemes (All schemes completed)
 Enterprise Development Supporting 01 female beneficiaries through the formation of 01 Business Development Group (BDGs)	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educates 60 female beneficiaries through 03 learning Centres



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

1. Conducted **288 sessions** educating **4,320 individuals** on Cleanliness
2. Planted **8,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **2,500 children (1,500 boys and 1,000 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **10,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **1,500 CNICs, 1,500 B-forms, 300 Nikkah Namas,** and **10 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **5,000 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Provided food ration packs to **50 households** by the help of UC Chairman
8. Provided stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **500 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support EHSAAAS Programme

Women leaders of **LSO Nigheban** 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.

Supporting the Deserving One

Except for a poor and needy woman, all the households in village Sobhdar Mastoi in the Union Council (UC) Chakyani had constructed toilets in their houses. She would face multiple difficulties in using the neighbour's washroom, who would sometimes talk down to her. Therefore, in hope of getting assistance in washroom construction, she contacted the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Nigheban. In regards to this matter, the LSO leaders invited a philanthropist to the meeting and discussed the woman's unfortunate situation. The philanthropist decided to help the woman and consequently provided funds for washroom construction. Through the funds, the LSO leaders helped the woman with the construction. The woman now feels satisfied with the fulfilment of her need, whereas the efforts of the LSO are highly appreciated by the community members.



A Woman Standing with Her Washroom Constructed by the Help of a Philanthropist's Funding



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