

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 Soojhro

District Larkana Tehsil: Bakrani	Union Council Mashori Shareef	Date of Formation Jan 24 2018	Total Households in Union Council 2,130	Organised Households 1,451
Coverage 68%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 67 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 11 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 22 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members 5 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,968,600 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 13,127,000 disbursed to 748 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,060,900 benefited 161 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 264 people/population covered
 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 08 schemes (05 schemes completed and 03 are ongoing)	 Enterprise Development Supporting 135 female beneficiaries through the formation of 05 Business Development Group (BDGs)
 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educates 40 female beneficiaries through 02 learning Centres	



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

1. Conducted **834 sessions** educating **1,000 individuals** on COVID-19, agriculture and cleanliness
2. Planted **1,700 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **800 children (500 boys and 300 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **1,400 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **600 CNICs, 500 B-forms, 250 Nikkah Namas,** and **10 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **1,500 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **900 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
8. Provided stipend worth **RS. 12,000** to **800 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Program.
9. Distributed **1,000 soups** and **1,500 face** mask to individuals in the UC through Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (PINS)

Women leaders of **LSO Soojhro** 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.

Supplying a Hand Pump to a Deserving Woman

An elderly woman in the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Soojhro had no access to clean drinking water at her home. She used to go to the neighbours for fetching water even for bare minimum needs. Tired of being dependent on the neighbours for long, she went to the LSO members and implored for their help. Having regard to the seriousness of her issue, the LSO members went to the chairman Union Council (UC) and demanded a hand pump. However, the UC chairman approved their demand and provided funds for it. With the funds, the LSO members purchased a hand pump and installed it at the woman's house. This initiative has lessened her dependency on others for accessing water, and she has now become worryless.



The Woman Who Has Provided With the Hand Pump by the UC Chairman



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