



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 Sooraj

District Kamber Shahdaktot Tehsil: Nasirabad	Union Council Mondar Lakho	Date of Formation Oct 10 2017	Total Households in Union Council 2,207	Organised Households 1,755
Coverage 80%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 49 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 7 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 34 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members 7 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 9,58,422 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 30,695,500 disbursed to 1,798 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 3,794,100 benefited 295 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 729 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 195 male and 1,470 female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 11 schemes (All Schemes completed)



Enterprise Development Supporting
41 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 **8 sessions** educating **48 individuals** on COVID-19
 2. Planted **1,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
 3. Enrolled **2,600 children (2,000 boys and 600 girls)** in school
 4. Facilitated the vaccination of **4,000 individuals** against COVID-19
 5. Registered **1,000 CNICs, 500 B-forms, 300 Nikkah Namas,** and **10 death certificates** in the Union Council
- Vaccinated **200 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department

Women leaders of **LSO Sooraj** 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.

Liberation from Open Defecation

Open defecation in the Union Council (UC) Mondar Lakho had caused serious health issues among the residents. People were unable to cope with the alarming situation, having nothing in their hands to change the circumstances. However, in consideration of the critical situation the members of the local Support Organisation (LSO) Sooraj started conducting awareness sessions in the community on how open defecation can cause fatal diseases and how important it is to maintain personal hygiene. Yet, giving awareness of the issue was not helping the community out, therefore, the LSO members decided to seek help from the Mangi Memorial Trust. They sent an application to the Trust, requesting them the construction of toilets in the UC. Their application was approved, hence with the help of Mangi Memorial Trust the LSO leaders constructed 85 toilets in the villages where needed.



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