



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 Hamal Azadi

District Kambar Shahdatkot Tehsil: Warah	Union Council Hamal @ Chakabad	Date of Formation March 31 2018	Total Households in Union Council 2,478	Organised Households 1,809
Coverage 73%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 76 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 13 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 26 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members 7 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 8,154,336 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 15,191,300 disbursed to 1,101 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 3,203,980 benefited 235 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 702 people/population covered</p>

Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):
11 schemes
(10 schemes completed and 01 is ongoing)



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

1. Conducted **264 sessions** educating **4,848 individuals** on COVID-19, family Planning and cleanliness
2. Planted **5,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **4,000 children (2,000 boys and 2,000 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **8,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **4,000 CNICs, 1,000 B-forms, 300 Nikkah Namas,** and **500 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **8,000 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 **PKR 12,000** to **1,000 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme
9. Distributed ration packs to **100 households** by the help of UC Chairman

Women leaders of **LSO Hamal Azadi** 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.

Abandoning Open Defecation

The lack of proper toilets in Union Council (UC) Hamal had left the inhabitants with no choice except to defecate openly, thus polluting the environment and promoting poor hygiene in the community. This practice led to an increased prevalence of diarrheal diseases in the UC. Observing the rising number of people getting sick and an increase in hospital visits, the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Hamal Azadi decided to take an action. They realised that the solution to this issue is in fact disease prevention and hygiene promotion. Therefore, they have decided to work on washroom construction in the UC. For this purpose, the officials from Mangi Memorial Trust were invited for a meeting with the UC and the situation was explained to them. This meeting resulted in the authorisation of the construction of 72 washrooms in the UC, which was completed within a few months. Since then the community habitually uses toilets, whereas a decrease in the prevalence of diarrheal diseases ascertains the success of this initiative.



Community Member Standing with a Washroom Constructed by Mangi Memorial Trust in the UC Hamal



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