



### 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 Hamdard

District <b>Kambar Shahdatkot</b> Tehsil: <b>Nasirabad</b>	Union Council <b>Miandad Chinjni</b>	Date of Formation Jan <b>30</b> 2018	Total Households in Union Council <b>2,662</b>	Organised Households <b>1,863</b>
Coverage <b>70%</b>	Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>94</b> (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>14</b> (all women's)	Number of General Body Members <b>28</b> (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members <b>7</b> (all women)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of <b>PKR 7,128,236</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of <b>PKR 26,749,300</b> disbursed to <b>1,744</b> households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of <b>PKR 3,615,420</b> benefited <b>270</b> households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>626</b> people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>10</b> male and <b>300</b> female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): <b>12</b> schemes (11 schemes completed and 01 is ongoing)
 Enterprise Development Supporting <b>18</b> female beneficiaries through the formation of <b>01</b> Business Development Group (BDGs)	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educates <b>02</b> female beneficiaries through <b>45</b> learning Centres



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

1. Conducted **138 sessions** educating **2,070 individuals** on COVID-19, family Planning and cleanliness
2. Planted **7,500 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **5,000 children (2,500 boys and 2,500 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **140,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **2,000 CNICs, 1,000 B-forms, 500 Nikkah Namas,** and **50 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **4,000 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **1,000 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
8. Provided stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **1,100 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme
9. Distributed ration packs to **200 households** by the help of UC Chairman

Women leaders of **LSO Hamdard** 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.

## Assuring Summer Safety

Heat-related illness was a common issue in the Union Council (UC) Mian Dad chinjni. Only a few families were able to protect themselves by staying under fans during the hot summer days. Others however were unable to afford this luxury. Therefore, to get fans and solar panels to power those, the poor household members asked the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Hamdard for help. Consequently, the LSO leaders called a meeting with the UC Chairman, laid out all the circumstances and requested his assistance. After surveying the poor households of the UC, the LSO's request was approved by the UC chairman who provided 30 solar panels and 30 solar-powered fans to the needy households of the community. Through this initiative, the poor families were able to protect themselves from the summer heat to some extent, as they now can rest under fans on hot sunny days and enjoy pleasant sleep at night.



LSO Member Standing with a Solar Panel Plate Provided by the UC Chairman



Community Member Showing an Electric Fan Provided by the UC Chairman



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