



### 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 Insaf

<p>District <b>Larkana</b></p> <p>Tehsil: <b>Larkana</b></p>	<p>Union Council <b>Ratokot</b></p>	<p>Date of Formation Oct <b>18</b> 2018</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council <b>2,226</b></p>	<p>Organised Households <b>1,791</b></p>
<p>Coverage <b>80%</b></p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>84</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>17</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members <b>34</b> (all women)</p>	<p>Number of Executive Committee Members <b>7</b> (all women)</p>

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of  
**PKR 5,399,800**  
Initial sub-grant as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of  
**PKR 15,193,400** disbursed to  
**879** households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of  
**PKR 2,483,000** benefited  
**192** households




Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided  
benefitting **416** people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST)  
benefited **03** male and **86** female  
beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):  
**11** schemes  
(10 schemes completed and 1 is ongoing)



Enterprise Development Supporting **01** male and  
**67** 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 **12 sessions** educating **300 individuals** on COVID-19 precautions
2. Planted **2,775 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **1,500 children (1,000 boys and 500 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **4,500 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **2,750 CNICs, 700 B-forms, 50 Nikkah Namas,** and **15 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **3,150 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department

Women leaders of **LSO Insaf** 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.

## Endorsing Humanity

The countrywide lockdown imposed by the government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic had left many daily wagers from Union Council (UC) Ratokot unable to find work and earn bread. Within no time, the savings of several poor households also ended and they were unable to meet their basic survival needs. Considering this issue and realising the need to act swiftly, the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) settled a meeting with the UC Chairman, for help. During the meeting, the UC chairman offered financial assistance to the LSO leaders in buying food ration packs for needy families. Through this, the LSO leaders bought 50 food ration packs, which they distributed to the 50 most deserving households in the community. This quick action was able to support many families in surviving the difficult times of the pandemic.



Ration Pack Provided by the UC Chairman to a needy woman of the UC Ratokot



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