

### 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 Joat

District <b>Larkana</b> Tehsil: <b>Ratodero</b>	Union Council <b>Jumo Agham</b>	Date of Formation <b>Oct 14 2017</b>	Total Households in Union Council <b>1,857</b>	Organised Households <b>1,530</b>
Coverage <b>82%</b>	Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>71</b> (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>16</b> (all women's)	Number of General Body Members <b>32</b> (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members <b>07</b> (all women)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of <b>PKR 11,560,100</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of <b>PKR 4,968,774</b> disbursed to <b>649</b> households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of <b>PKR 2,307,500</b> benefited <b>158</b> households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>393</b> people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>11</b> male and <b>59</b> female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): <b>10</b> schemes (08 schemes completed 02 are ongoing)</p>



Enterprise Development Supporting  
**11** female beneficiaries through the formation of  
**01** Business Development Group (BDGs)



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

1. Conducted **88 awareness** sessions educating **1,620 individuals** on COVID-19 and cleanliness
2. Planted **5,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **5,000 children (3,500 boys and 1,500 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **8,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **3,160 CNICs, 1,000 B-forms, 120 Nikkah Namas,** and **50 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **5,000 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **1,200 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department

Women leaders of **LSO Joat** 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.

## Breaking the Chains: Combating HIV Outbreak

The HIV outbreak in tehsil Ratodero, had spread fear and anxiety among its inhabitants. Observing the state of affairs, the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Joat, managing the Union Council (UC) Jumo Agham, decided to educate the community on its spread and precautionary measures. To achieve this the LSO leaders contacted an NGO, Bridge Consultant Foundation, undertaking HIV protection project in areas adjoining the UC. Through their help, HIV awareness sessions were arranged in the UC. This led to increased awareness among the villagers, who then decided to be screened for HIV. Whereas to facilitate the community with HIV testing, transportation to HIV testing facility was arranged by the LSO leaders. As a result, HIV infected individuals were identified and were then registered to the Sindh Government Health Department by the LSO leaders. This helped the affected families in getting food ration packs and financial assistance for HIV medical treatment. The HIV screening in the UC helped in breaking the chain of transmission, whereas through the awareness sessions the community started observing its precautionary measures.



Ration and Financial Assistance Provided to the HIV Affected Family in UC Jumo Agham



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