

### 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 Justajoo

<p>District <b>Kambar Shahdatkot</b></p> <p>Tehsil: <b>Kambar</b></p>	<p>Union Council <b>Ghaibi Dero</b></p>	<p>Date of Formation Oct <b>31</b> 2017</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council <b>1,553</b></p>	<p>Organised Households <b>1,087</b></p>
<p>Coverage <b>70%</b></p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>66</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>15</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members <b>28</b> (all women)</p>	<p>Number of Executive Committee Members <b>7</b> (all women)</p>

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR <b>6,413,156</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>8,852,000</b> disbursed to <b>563</b> households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>2,697,700</b> benefited <b>194</b> households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>699</b> people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>14</b> female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): <b>11</b> schemes (10 schemes completed and 01 is ongoing)</p>



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

1. Conducted **228 sessions** educating **3,660 individuals** on COVID-19, family planning and cleanliness
2. Planted **3,500 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **3,000 children (1,500 boys and 1,500 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **10,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **3,500 CNICs, 800 B-forms, 250 Nikkah Namas,** and **50 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **3,360 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **2,000 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
8. Provided stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **900 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme

Women leaders of **LSO Justajoo** 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.

## Utilising Renewable Energy

People in the Union Council (UC) Ghaibidero were in a dire need of an electricity supply. The villagers would spend their days without fans, their nights in total darkness and were unable to charge nor keep cell phones for connectivity purposes. The leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Justajoo discussed this concern in their monthly meeting and concluded that the households should be provided with solar panels. Therefore, the LSO leaders approached the UC chairman for his assistance in this regard. They explained to the UC chairman the matter at hand and requested the provision of solar panels. After a few follow-up meetings, the UC Chairman agreed and provided 5 solar panels to six villages each in the UC. The households that received the solar panels feel satisfied as now they can power their bulbs and fans and charge their cell phones.



LSO Leader Standing with a Solar Panel Provided by the UC Chairman



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