

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 Noor

District Kambar Shahdadkot Tehsil: Sijawal	Union Council Hyder Chandio	Date of Formation Oct 11 2017	Total Households in Union Council 2,472	Organised Households 1,925
Coverage 77%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 84 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 14 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 28 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members 9 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 7,105,560 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 17,228,500 disbursed to 1,011 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,701,691 benefited 182 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 552 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 02 male and 81 female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 8 schemes (07 schemes completed and 01 is ongoing)
 Enterprise Development Supporting 32 female beneficiaries through the formation of 02 Business Development Group (BDGs)	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educates 125 female beneficiaries through 06 learning Centres



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

1. Conducted **336 sessions** educating **4,320 individuals** on COVID-19, Family Planning, and cleanliness
2. Planted **3,978 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **5,000 children (3,000 boys and 2,000 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **10,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **4,500 CNICs, 800 B-forms, 30 Nikkah Namas,** and **10 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **30,000 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **800 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
8. Provided stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **400 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme

Women leaders of **LSO Noor** 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.

Solar Panels Provided by the UC Chairman

Few families in the Union Council (UC) Hyder Chandio, did not have solar panels to charge their phones and power their home appliances. They would spend their night in darkness and charge phones through the neighbouring houses with electrical power supply. The members of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Noor highlighted the need of these households in their LSO meetings, where a decision to identify the troubled houses was made. As a result, the LSO members made a list of the houses in need of solar panels and sent an application requesting him to set up solar panels, to the UC Chairman. After several meetings with the LSO leaders, the CU chairman accepted the request and provided 34 solar panels to three villages in the UC. Due to this help, multiple households received power supply, and no longer are a burden to their neighbours.



A beneficiary standing with a Solar Panel provided by the Chairman of UC Hyder Chandio



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