

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 Pirah

District Kambar Shahdadkot Tehsil: Nasirabad	Union Council Dera	Date of Formation March 13 2017	Total Households in Union Council 2,121	Organised Households 1,485
Coverage 70%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 68 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 10 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 24 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members 7 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 6,451,800 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 18,154,500 disbursed to 1,113 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,811,500 benefited 209 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 478 people/population covered</p>



 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):
10 schemes
 (8 schemes completed and 2 are ongoing)



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

1. Conducted **150 sessions** educating **3,300 individuals** on COVID-19, Family Planning, and cleanliness
2. Planted **12,000 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 **9,140 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **6,580 CNICs, 3,500 B-forms, 280 Nikkah Namas,** and **16 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,050 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **1,700 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
8. Provided food ration packs to **700 households** by the help of the UC Chairman
9. Provided **25 solar panels** and **25 solar fans** to needy households in the UC by the help of UC Chairman
10. Constructed **15 toilets** in the UC by the help of Programme for Improved Nutrition in Sindh (PINS)

Women leaders of **LSO Pirah** 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.

Initiating kitchen Gardening in the Union Council (UC) Dera

The dwellers of the Union Council (UC) Dera had to travel to the city to buy vegetables and fruits. This practice would cost them a lot of money and time thus resulting in a shortage of food items at home. Therefore, the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Pirah decided to take action on making the vegetables accessible to the villagers in their homes, with the help of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The LSO leaders invited the FAO officials to their LSO meeting and discussed their plan for kitchen gardening in the UC. Consequently, a request for the provision of vegetable seeds was made to the FAO officials. After a few more follow-up meetings, 3,000 packs of vegetable seeds were provided to the LSO leaders, who then distributed them to multiple households in the UC. This allowed the inhabitants to grow and utilise vegetables in their home.



A community Member Standing with Her Kitchen Garden Prepared by the Help of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in the UC Dera



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