

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 Qadam

<p>District Larkana</p> <p>Tehsil: Ratodero</p>	<p>Union Council Bahman</p>	<p>Date of Formation Nov 14 2017</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council 1,725</p>	<p>Organised Households 1,218</p>
<p>Coverage 71%</p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) 59 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 12 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members 24 (all women)</p>	<p>Number of Executive Committee Members 9 (all women)</p>

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,027,800 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 11,527,500 disbursed to 637 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,038,300 benefited 155 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 246 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 26 male and 70 female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 11 schemes (7 schemes completed and 4 are ongoing)</p>



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS)
educating **103** female beneficiaries through
05 learning Centres



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

1. Conducted **44 sessions** educating **910 individuals** on COVID-19, HIV Awareness, and cleanliness
2. Planted **1,800 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **2,500 children (1,500 boys and 1,000 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **7,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **1,926 CNICs, 500 B-forms, 100 Nikkah Namas,** and **20 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **4,800 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **1,800 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department

Women leaders of **LSO Qadam** 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.

Combating the Socio-economic Bearings of the COVID-19

The COVID-19 Pandemic affected poor households of the Union Council (UC) Bahman badly. Due to the pandemic-imposed lockdown, multiple wage earners of the households were left without labour work. With no source of income, soon these families became food insecure. Observing the deteriorating circumstances, the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) formed a committee to work on this matter by seeking the help of the UC Chairman. As a result, the designated committee approached and explained all the circumstances to the UC chairman. The UC Chairman in response generously provided food ration packs to 110 deserving households of the UC, which helped them in overcoming starvation during the pandemic.



The LSO leader Distributing Food Ration Packs to a Deserving Family Member in the UC Bahman



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