



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 Saar

<p>District Kambar Shahdatkot</p> <p>Tehsil: Kambar</p>	<p>Union Council Beer</p>	<p>Date of Formation Oct 31 2018</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council 1,880</p>	<p>Organised Households 1,316</p>
<p>Coverage 70%</p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) 55 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 8 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members 16 (all women)</p>	<p>Number of Executive Committee Members 7 (all women)</p>

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

<p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 5,758,659 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 6,666,400 disbursed to 356 households</p>
<p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,268,000 benefited 143 households</p>	<p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 285 people/population covered</p>
<p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 30 female beneficiaries</p>	<p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 04 schemes (03 schemes completed and 01 is ongoing)</p>



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

1. Conducted **148 sessions** educating **3,300 individuals** on COVID-19, Family Planning, and cleanliness
2. Planted **7,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **5,500 children (3,000 boys and 2,500 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **12,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **700 CNICs, 300 B-forms, 150 Nikkah Namas,** and **10 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,500 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Provided stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **700 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme
8. Provided food ration packs to **100 households** by the help of UC Chairman

Women leaders of **LSO Saar** 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.

Installation of Water Hand pumps in the Union Council (UC) Beer

The scarcity of water supply in the Union Council (UC) Beer was exposing the community individuals to multiple health hazards. The limited water collected from contaminated water sources welcomed poor hygiene practices and various infectious diseases. Accordingly, to prevent those health risks and to promote the community's health and wellness, the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Saar held a community meeting, where the chairman of the UC was invited. After explaining to the UC chairman about the water crisis and discussing multiple solutions with him, a decision to install water hand pumps in the UC was made. The UC Chairman provided funds to the LSO leaders, through which 45 hand pumps were installed in different places of the UC. The community now has access to clean drinkable water and is at minimal risk of catching water-borne diseases.



A LSO Member with a Water Hand Pump Bought with the Financial Assistance of UC Chairman



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