



### 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 Saharo

<p>District <b>Larkana</b></p> <p>Tehsil: <b>Dokri</b></p>	<p>Union Council <b>Wadi Wahni</b></p>	<p>Date of Formation Oct <b>21</b> 2017</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council <b>1,615</b></p>	<p>Organised Households <b>1,125</b></p>
<p>Coverage <b>70%</b></p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>47</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>11</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members <b>22</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>7,564,600</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>3,919,386</b> disbursed to <b>492</b> households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>1,711,700</b> benefited <b>158</b> households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>308</b> people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>11</b> male and <b>59</b> female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Enterprise Development Supporting <b>92</b> female beneficiaries through the formation of <b>04</b> Business Development Group (BDGs)</p>



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

1. Conducted **327 sessions** educating **3,480 individuals** on COVID-19, family planning, and immunization
2. Planted **4,200 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **2,000 children (1,000 boys and 1,000 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **7,500 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **2,700 CNICs, 197 B-forms, 100 Nikkah Namas,** and **10 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **1,800 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **1,600 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of **LSO Saharo** are planning and implementing development activities both on a self-help basis as well as in collaboration with government agencies. The EU-funded **SUCCESS** programme is empowering rural women in Sindh by realizing the power they gain from collective action. The organised women are gaining awareness about their rights, making the service providers accountable and are also taking self-initiative to improve their lives.

## Aid to the Poor Households During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The poor households in the Union Council (UC) Wadi Wahni had to bear harsh economic consequences during the COVID-19 pandemic. Unable to find work due to the lockdown, they were left with no means to buy food. Therefore, these daily waged earners were in desperate need of relief food packages to make their ends meet. Grasping the necessity for instant action, the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Saharo identified the affected households with the help of the respective Village Organisations (VOs) whose executive body members provided the verification lists. Afterwards, the LSO leaders approached the local philanthropist for his help. As a result, food ration packs, consisting of flour, Ghee, spices, sugar, rice, and lentils were provided to 80 deserving households. This facilitation helped the families in surviving the initial hard days of the pandemic.



A Beneficiary Provided with Food Ration Pack During the COVID-19 Pandemic by the Help of a Philanthropist in UC Wadi Wahni



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