



### 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 Sahkar

<p>District <b>Larkana</b></p> <p>Tehsil: <b>Larkana</b></p>	<p>Union Council <b>Lund</b></p>	<p>Date of Formation <b>Oct 30 2018</b></p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council <b>3,168</b></p>	<p>Organised Households <b>2,068</b></p>
<p>Coverage <b>65%</b></p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>89</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>13</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members <b>26</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 <b>PKR 7,301,000</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of <b>PKR 15,461,000</b> disbursed to <b>839</b> households</p>
<p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of <b>PKR 2,804,500</b> benefited <b>213</b> households</p>	<p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>435</b> people/population covered</p>
<p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>11</b> male and <b>75</b> female beneficiaries</p>	<p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): <b>08</b> schemes (All schemes completed)</p>
<p>Enterprise Development Supporting <b>40</b> female beneficiaries through the formation of <b>03</b> Business Development Group (BDGs)</p>	<p>Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educates <b>63</b> female beneficiaries through <b>03</b> learning Centres</p>



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

1. Conducted **148 sessions** educating **2,330 individuals** on COVID-19, family planning, and cleanliness
2. Planted **7,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **1,800 children (1,000 boys and 800 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **10,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **500 CNICs, 300 B-forms, 150 Nikkah Namas,** and **20 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,500 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. Provide Stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **900 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP)
9. Distributed **Food Ration Packs** to **150 households** by the help of the UC Chairman

Women leaders of **LSO Sahkar** 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.

## Increasing Water Accessibility

There were very few water hand pumps installed in the Union Council (UC) Lund. Because of this, a large number of community members had to travel distances and wait a long time for their turns to bring water. Due to the poor socioeconomic conditions, the dwellers were unable to implement hand pumps near their homes, therefore, the leaders of Local Support Organisation (LSO) Sahkar decided to help them out through their strong local networks. For this, the LSO leaders sent an application to the Local Government, where they mentioned the community's water unmet need. Consequently, after visiting and inspecting the community for its water scarcity issue, the Local Government decided and installed 50 Hand Pumps at sites near the inhabitants' houses in the UC. Due to this initiative, water accessibility has become easier, and people no longer have to travel or wait to fetch water.



A LSO Member with A Water Hand Pump provided by the Local Government in the UC Lund



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