



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 Saroh

District Kambar Shahdaktot Tehsil: Kambar	Union Council Panhwaro	Date of Formation Jan 27 2018	Total Households in Union Council 2,401	Organised Households 1,681
Coverage 70%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 109 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 18 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 36 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members 7 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 8,083,748 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 20,771,000 disbursed to 1,269 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 3,115,740 benefited 231 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 795 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 08 male and 135 female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 13 schemes (All schemes completed)


 Enterprise Development Supporting **01** male and **43** female beneficiaries through the formation of **02** Business Development Group (BDGs)



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

1. Conducted **178 sessions** educating **2,970 individuals** on COVID-19, family planning, and cleanliness
2. Planted **8,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **9,000 children (5,000 boys and 4,000 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **8,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **6,500 CNICs, 2,000 B-forms, 200 Nikkah Namas,** and **50 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,750 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **720 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
8. Provide Stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **720 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP)
9. Distributed **Food Ration Packs** to **100 households** by the help of UC Chairman

Women leaders of **LSO Saroh** 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.

Surviving Summer Heat

The most common profession, the community in the Union Council (UC) Panwarho opts for is farming. The majority work in the fields as daily wage labors and earn only enough to make their ends meet. However, working under the sun and returning to homes where no fans to cool their bodies down, resulted in frequent cases of heatstroke. Considering the poor circumstances, the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Saroh held a meeting to help the deserving households. As a result, the LSO leaders visited the UC Chairman and requested the provision of solar panels. Having good liaison with the UC Chairman, their request was approved immediately and around 180 solar panels were provided to the LSO leaders by the UC chairman. The LSO leaders then got these solar panels installed in 180 deserving households of the UC, where families now power their electric fans, thus making the summer heat bearable.



A LSO Leader Standing with the Solar Panel Provided by the Chairman of UC Panwarho



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