



### 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 Sartiyoan Sobh

District <b>Kambar Shahdadkot</b> Tehsil: <b>Mero Khan</b>	Union Council <b>Misri Khan Chandio</b>	Date of Formation April <b>27</b> 2018	Total Households in Union Council <b>2,954</b>	Organised Households <b>2,428</b>
Coverage <b>82%</b>	Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>117</b> (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>15</b> (all women's)	Number of General Body Members <b>30</b> (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members <b>7</b> (all women)

## Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR <b>9,594,152</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>13,808,950</b> disbursed to <b>764</b> households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>3,614,300</b> benefited <b>217</b> households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>610</b> people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>02</b> male and <b>140</b> female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): <b>10</b> schemes (7 schemes completed and 3 are ongoing)
 Enterprise Development Supporting <b>42</b> female beneficiaries through the formation of <b>02</b> Business Development Group (BDGs)	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educates <b>167</b> female beneficiaries through <b>08</b> learning Centres



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

1. Conducted **24 sessions** educating **360 individuals** on COVID-19
2. Planted **2,500 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **4,500 children (2,500 boys and 1,500 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,100 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **2,500 CNICs, 4,000 B-forms,** and **600 Nikkah Namas** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **1,800 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **2,800 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department

Women leaders of **LSO Sartiyoan Sobh** 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.

## Safeguarding Formal Education

The community school in Village Qaim Khan Chandio in the Union Council (UC) Misri Khan Chandio was closed due to its poor condition and functioning. As the parents could not afford to send their children to the nearby private schools, therefore, to make sure their children complete their primary level education they approached the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Sartiyoan Sobh for their help. The LSO leaders in response invited the UC chairman to the LSO's monthly meeting and discussed the issue. This resulted in the UC Chairman providing funds for school supplies and renovation. Moreover, he also connected them to the Education Department demanding the appointment of the required school staff. Shortly after the appointment of schoolteachers and the renovation of the building, the school was resumed. The children of Village Qaim Khan Chandio have now returned to school and they have continued their education.



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