



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 Sartiyoon Sughar

District Kambar Shahdadkot Tehsil: Kambar	Union Council Lakha	Date of Formation Oct 27 2018	Total Households in Union Council 1,975	Organised Households 1,383
Coverage 70%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 79 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 10 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 20 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members 7 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 6,072,506 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 9,183,000 disbursed to 486 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,637,880 benefited 187 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 388 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 01 male and 38 female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 07 schemes (All schemes completed)



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS)
educating **20** female beneficiaries through
01 learning Centres



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

1. Conducted **156 sessions** educating **1,740 individuals** on COVID-19, Family Planning and cleanliness
2. Planted **2,700 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **1,000 children (500 boys and 500 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **14,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **2,600 CNICs, 500 B-forms, 50 Nikkah Namas,** and **10 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,500 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **350 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
8. Provide Stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **500 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP)

Women leaders of **LSO Sartiyoonn Sughar** 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.

Emergency Food Relief

The daily wagers working on the farms of the Union Council (UC) Lakha hardly earned to meet their families' daily food needs. Due to the minimum wages, they were unable to save money for uncertainties therefore, they got affected when the COVID-19 pandemic hit them critically. As they could no longer find work due to the nationwide imposed lockdown, thus within a few days they were threatened with starvation. The leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Sartiyoonn Sughar being aware of this emergency came up with the decision to approach the UC chairman and demand funds for the emergency food aid. As soon as the UC chairman provided funds, the LSO leaders bought the necessary food items like; oil, flour lentils and spices. They assembled them into ration packs and distributed them among 150 households. Due to this activity, the LSO leaders were able to help the poor families in surviving the harsh times during the pandemic.



A Female Beneficiary Provided with Food Ration Pack during COVID-19 Pandemic, by the UC Chairman



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