



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 Shafaq

<p>District Kambar Shahdadkot</p> <p>Tehsil: Miro Khan</p>	<p>Union Council Gul Muhammad Chacho @ Nadirabad</p>	<p>Date of Formation Jan 29 2019</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council 4,598</p>	<p>Organised Households 3,219</p>
<p>Coverage 70%</p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) 123 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 16 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members 32 (all women)</p>	<p>Number of Executive Committee Members 7 (all women)</p>

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

<p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 9,395,600 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 13,646,900 disbursed to 783 households</p>
<p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 4,678,060 benefited 329 households</p>	<p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 707 people/population covered</p>
<p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 07 male and 86 female beneficiaries</p>	<p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 16 schemes (14 schemes completed and 02 are ongoing)</p>
<p>Enterprise Development Supporting 17 female beneficiaries through the formation of 01 Business Development Group (BDGs)</p>	<p>Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 89 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres</p>



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

1. Conducted **148 sessions** educating **6,050 individuals** on COVID-19, Family Planning and cleanliness
2. Planted **15,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **5,000 children (2,500 boys and 2,500 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **15,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **800 CNICs, 500 B-forms, 250 Nikkah Namas,** and **10 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,500 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Provide Stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **900 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP)
8. Distributed **Food Ration Packs** to **200 households** by the help of the UC Chairman

Women leaders of **LSO Shafaq** 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.

Plantation Drive in the UC Gul Muhammad Chacho

The dry land of the Union Council (UC) Gul Muhammad Chacho would absorb much heat during summers and make the days and nights difficult to tolerate. Not only did it increase the risk of heatstroke among the UC dwellers, but it also hindered their work. Being mindful of these concerns the community members soon realised that the need for tree plantation in their UC is necessary. Therefore, an agenda to plant trees in the UC was discussed in the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Shafaq's monthly meeting, where the leaders of the LSO formulated the plan and budgeted the activity through local community contribution. All the LSO and community members agreed and money was collected as per the ability to afford and determination of the members. Through this initiative, the LSO leaders were able to buy and plant 500 trees in their courtyards. Whereas the community now feels overjoyed in making their environment fresh and pleasant for the generations to come.



A LSO Member Watering a Tree Planted during the LSO Planation Drive in the UC



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