












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 Shiffa

District Larkana Tehsil: Larkano	Union Council  Agani	Date of Formation Nov  29 2018	Total Households in Union Council  1,857	Organised Households  1,295
Coverage  70%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  60 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  8 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  16 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members  7 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,929,400 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 8,891,000 disbursed to 542 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,289,000 benefited 115 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 323 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 48 female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 04 schemes (3 schemes completed and 1 is ongoing)
 Enterprise Development Supporting 35 female beneficiaries through the formation of 02 Business Development Group (BDGs)	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 80 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres



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

1. Conducted **94 sessions** educating **1,180 individuals** on COVID-19, Family Planning and cleanliness
2. Planted **6,500 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **2,450 children (2,050 boys and 400 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **4,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **3,000 CNICs, 900 B-forms, 250 Nikkah Namas,** and **10 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **6,000 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **2,400 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
8. Provide Stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **100 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP)
9. Distributed **Food Ration Packs** to **35 households** by the help of UC Chairman

Women leaders of **LSO Shiffa** 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.

Reconstructing Pathways

The central pathway of the village Wado Agani was poorly constructed. The potholes on the road hindered travelling in and out of the village, troubling dwellers, particularly during emergencies. The leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Shiffa acknowledged the gravity of the concern that it required immediate action, to bring the lives of the inhabitants at ease. Therefore, to get the pathway renovated, the LSO leaders sent an application to the Local Government demanding their support. The request for the road construction was approved shortly and the road in the village Wado Agani was renovated accordingly. Due to the initiative, the community is now able to move easily and it no longer serves as an obstacle on the way during emergencies.



Road Constructed by the Help of the Local Government in the UC Agani



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