

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 Sijawal

District Kambar Shahdatkot Tehsil: Sijawal	Union Council Sijawal Junejo	Date of Formation  28 2017	Total Households in Union Council  3,758	Organised Households  2,631
Coverage  70%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  120 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  17 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  34 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members  7 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 9,801,321 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 26,088,680 disbursed to 1,489 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 5,221,080 benefited 305 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 898 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 31 male and 133 female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 14 schemes (All schemes completed)
 Enterprise Development Supporting 12 female beneficiaries through the formation of 02 Business Development Group (BDGs)	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 41 female beneficiaries through 02 learning Centres



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

1. Conducted **188 sessions** educating **3,050 individuals** on COVID-19, Family Planning and cleanliness
2. Planted **8,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **8,000 children (4,000 boys and 4,000 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **15,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **800 CNICs, 600 B-forms, 250 Nikkah Namas,** and **10 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **3,000 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **900 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
8. Provide Stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **1,000 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP)
9. Distributed **Food Ration Packs** to **200 households** by the help of UC Chairman

Women leaders of **LSO Sijawal** 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.

Serving the Community during the Pandemic

Multiple villages of the Union Council (UC) Sijawal Junejo lacked proper grocery stores. That being so, the community individuals had to travel to different villages or the city to buy necessary food items. However, when the COVID-19 pandemic hit and the local government imposed a strict lockdown in the UC, the dwellers were unable to reach the grocery stores and within a few days, their stored food items started running out. In order to help these families, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Sijawal invited the UC chairman to a meeting, where a decision to provide food ration packs to the households was made. As a result, 200 households were provided with food ration packs enough to meet their one-month food needs. This initiative helped them endure the severe impacts of the pandemic.



A Community Woman Displaying the Items in Food Ration Pack Provided by the UC Chairman



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