

### 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 Sindh Abad

District <b>Kambar Shahdatkot</b> Tehsil: <b>Miro Khan</b>	Union Council <b>Khabar</b>	Date of Formation April <b>26</b> 2018	Total Households in Union Council <b>2,467</b>	Organised Households <b>1,727</b>
Coverage <b>70%</b>	Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>84</b> (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>14</b> (all women's)	Number of General Body Members <b>24</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>6,706,897</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>18,067,000</b> disbursed to <b>1,082</b> households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>2,147,000</b> benefited <b>152</b> households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>52</b> people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>01</b> male and <b>63</b> female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): <b>13</b> schemes (12 schemes completed and 01 is ongoing)


 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS)  
educating **40** female beneficiaries through  
**02** learning Centres



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

1. Conducted **58 sessions** educating **1,240 individuals** on COVID-19, Family Planning and cleanliness
2. Planted **5,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **2,500 children (1,000 boys and 1,500 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **6,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **4,000 CNICs, 1,000 B-forms, 200 Nikkah Namas,** and **10 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **5,000 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Provide Stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **700 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP)
8. Distributed **Food Ration Packs** to **100 households** by the help of UC Chairman

Women leaders of **LSO Sindh Abad** 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.



LSO Leader Standing with a Water Tank Constructed by the Hussaini Foundation at village Meeran Mashi



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