



### 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 Taraqi

District <b>Kambar Shahdatkot</b> Tehsil: <b>Warah</b>	Union Council <b>Kalar</b>	Date of Formation Dec <b>16</b> 2017	Total Households in Union Council <b>1,621</b>	Organised Households <b>1,566</b>
Coverage <b>97%</b>	Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>21</b> (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>7</b> (all women's)	Number of General Body Members <b>14</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>6,868,415</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>16,133,800</b> disbursed to <b>1,022</b> households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>3,235,080</b> benefited <b>240</b> households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>577</b> people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>17</b> male and <b>157</b> female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): <b>15</b> schemes (14 schemes completed and 01 is ongoing)
 Enterprise Development Supporting <b>82</b> female beneficiaries through the formation of <b>03</b> Business Development Group (BDGs)	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating <b>99</b> female beneficiaries through <b>05</b> learning Centres



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

1. Conducted **3 sessions** educating **48 individuals** on COVID-19
2. Planted **5,800 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **3,500 children (1,950 boys and 1,550 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **5,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **4,500 CNICs, 3,000 B-forms, 80 Nikkah Namas,** and **80 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **5,800 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **500 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Distributed **Food Ration Packs** to **100 households** by the help of the UC Chairman
9. Provided **13 solar plates** in the Union Council by the help of the UC Chairman
10. Constructed **60 toilets** in the Union Council by the help of Mangi Memorial Trust

Women leaders of **LSO Taraqi** are planning and implementing development activities both on self-help basis as well as in collaboration with government agencies. The EU-funded SUCCESS programme is empowering rural women in Sindh by realising the power they gain from collective action. The organised women are gaining awareness about their rights, making the service providers accountable and are also taking self-initiatives to improve their lives.

## Improving Environmental Sanitation

The washrooms in Union Council (UC) Kalar were poorly constructed by the dwellers. They had designated small spaces for toilet use without any drainage connections, which promoted poor hygiene causing diseases. Therefore, a leader of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Taraqi decided to improve environmental sanitation by undertaking an initiative on washroom construction in the UC. To get the task done the LSO leader sent an application to the Mangi Memorial Trust and requested washroom construction. In response, the trust officials visited the UC, identified the need of the community, and approved her request. Admiring the efforts of the LSO leader in improving the sanitation of the UC, the trust officials decided to renovate her house as well. The LSO leader's efforts resulted in the successful construction of 60 toilets in the UC while making the environment cleaner and reducing the risk of preventable diseases.



The LSO Leader Standing with her Newly Constructed Room by The Help of Mangi Memorial Trust



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