






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 Umeed

District Larkana Tehsil: Dokri	Union Council  Karani	Date of Formation  Aug 22 2017	Total Households in Union Council  1,921	Organised Households  1,329
Coverage  69%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  61 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  12 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  24 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members  7 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 3,675,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 6,600,610 disbursed to 441 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,464,200 benefited 132 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 211 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 02 male and 91 female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 09 schemes (08 schemes completed and 01 is ongoing)
 Enterprise Development Supporting 41 female beneficiaries through the formation of 04 Business Development Group (BDGs)	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 144 female beneficiaries through 07 learning Centres



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

1. Conducted **64 sessions** educating **1,850 individuals** on COVID-19, Family Planning and cleanliness
2. Planted **5,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **5,000 children (4,000 boys and 1,000 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **7,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **600 CNICs, 500 B-forms, 250 Nikkah Namas,** and **10 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **1,800 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Provided stipend worth **PKR 12,000** to **300 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support EHSAS Programme

Women leaders of **LSO Umeed** 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 Poor households

The fear following COVID-19 Pandemic in the Union Council (UC) Karani resulted in strict lockdown aiming to warrant social distancing among the individuals. However, this restriction in mobility resulted in multiple daily wagers losing their work. Having a poor socio-economic background and minimal savings, the poor households were unable to meet their nutritional needs, which resulted in hardship and distress. To help the poor families' leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Umeed held a meeting with the UC chairman. Whereas, after surveying the crises situation and identifying 150 households in need for support, the UC Chairman provided food rations packs to them. This assistance in the time of suffering reduced the risk of starvation among many individuals in the UC Karani.



Beneficiaries Provided with Food Ration Packs by the Chairman of UC Karani



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