



### 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 Asia

<p>District <b>Dadu</b> Tehsil: <b>Mehar</b></p>	<p>Union Council <b>Khan Jo Goth</b></p>	<p>Date of Formation July <b>13</b> 2018</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council <b>2,319</b></p>	<p>Organised Households <b>2,235</b></p>
<p>Coverage <b>96%</b></p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>109</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>10</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members <b>25</b> (all women)</p>	<p>Number of Executive Committee Members <b>6</b> (all women)</p>

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

<p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR <b>6,018,000</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>11,493,000</b> disbursed to <b>315</b> households</p>
<p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>6,612,000</b> benefited <b>326</b> households</p>	<p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>644</b> people/population covered</p>
<p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>65</b> male and <b>122</b> female beneficiaries</p>	<p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): <b>09</b> schemes (All schemes completed)</p>



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

1. Conducted **50 sessions** educating **1,894 individuals** on various health and education topics
2. Planted **4,600 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **225 children (125 boys and 100 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,143 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **80 CNICs, 45 B-forms, 15 Nikkah Namas, 70 death certificates** and Registered **680 votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **1,793 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **2,142 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **252 women** reach out to the health centre for safe deliveries

Women leaders of **LSO Asia** 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.

## Combating with the COVID-19 Pandemic

People in the Union Council (UC) Khan Jo Goth started panicking when the COVID-19 pandemic began, leading to a countrywide lockdown. Having less awareness about the pandemic and precautions people were unable to deal with it. However, the leaders of the local Support Organisation (LSO) Asia realising the severity of the matter decided to come forward and help the community. For this cause, the LSO, leaders directed the Community Resource Persons (CRPs) to conduct awareness sessions about COVID-19 in the community so that they could understand the SOPs and take precautionary measures to prevent themselves from it. However, the CRPs were instructed to maintain social distancing during these awareness sessions. This initiative has helped the community largely by making them well informed about the precautionary measures.



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