



### 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 Awaz

District <b>Dadu</b> Tehsil: <b>Mehar</b>	Union Council <b>Charo</b>	Date of Formation Jan <b>10</b> 2018	Total Households in Union Council <b>1,782</b>	Organised Households <b>1,575</b>
Coverage <b>88%</b>	Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>73</b> (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>11</b> (all women's)	Number of General Body Members <b>25</b> (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members <b>6</b> (all women)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR <b>4,735,000</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>5,490,000</b> disbursed to <b>214</b> households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>5,545,000</b> benefited <b>280</b> households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>668</b> people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>06</b> male and <b>69</b> female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): <b>10</b> schemes (All schemes completed)



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

1. Conducted **52 sessions** educating **3,261 individuals** on various health and education topics
2. Planted **385 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **350 children (200 boys and 150 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,412 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **1,846 CNICs, 35 B-forms, 15 Nikkah Namas, 80 death certificates** and Registered **2,638 Votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,357 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **3,251 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **250 women** at the health centres for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Awaz** 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 taking self-initiatives to improve their lives.

## Assistance During the COVID-19

With the outbreak of COVID-19 epidemic, the country went into a complete lockdown situation. Many people lost their jobs, who were working on daily wages. The poorest households were unable to meet the basic needs of their families. However, the leaders of the local Support Organisation (LSO) Awaz held a meeting and decided to help those households from the savings of Village Organisations (VOs). A list of the deserving households across the Union Council (UC) was prepared and the LSO leaders requested the District Commissioner (DC) and UC chairman to help the identified households. With their efforts, along with the savings of the VOs they distributed the amount of PKR 500 and PKR 1000 to each household, which helped them during the economic crisis.



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