











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 Azaad

District Dadu Tehsil: K.N Shah	Union Council Chhandan	Date of Formation  31 2018	Total Households in Union Council  1,956	Organised Households  1,846
Coverage  94%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  85 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  15 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  28 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members  6 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 6,150,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 3,947,000 disbursed to 164 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,746,000 benefited 135 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefiting 445 people/population covered



 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):
08 schemes
 (All schemes completed)



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

1. Conducted **50 sessions** educating **2,412 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **50 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **810 children (500 boys and 310 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,153 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **2,450 CNICs, 20 B-forms, 25 Nikkah Namas, 60 death certificates** and registered **2,450 votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,513 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **3,215 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **1,280 women** at health centres for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Azaadi** 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.

Enrolment of Children in School

In rural communities having poor economic backgrounds, people were compelled to send their children to work in the fields instead of sending them to schools. They used to prefer labour to education for their children so that they would help them meet the family's basic livelihood needs. Similarly, poverty was one of the contributing factors to the low literacy rates in the Union Council (UC) Chandan. Leaders of the local Support Organisation (LSO) Azaad decided to work on this matter through Community Resource Persons (CRPs). The CRPs conducted the community awareness toolkit (CAT) sessions, guided, and helped the community members to understand the significance of education. After those sessions, enrolment in schools has increased. Parents now willingly send their children to school.



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