



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 Azaan

District Dadu Tehsil: Dadu	Union Council Pipri	Date of Formation Aug 10 2018	Total Households in Union Council 7,753	Organised Households 5,921
Coverage 76%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 240 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 20 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 36 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members 6 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 5,500,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 12,994,000 disbursed to 388 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 11,804,000 benefited 559 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 928 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 17 male and 171 female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 17 schemes (All schemes completed)



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS)
 educating **634** female beneficiaries through
25 learning Centres



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

1. Conducted **64 sessions** educating **30,000 individuals** on various health and education topics
2. Planted **3,658 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **5,732 children (2,172 boys and 3,560 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **1,300 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Facilitated the vaccination of **5,690 children** against polio
6. Registered **6,733 CNICs, 1,239 B-forms, 1,576 Nikkah Namas, 1,723 death certificates** and **6,700 electoral votes** in the Union Council
7. Vaccinated **5,560 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
8. Treated **5,690 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
9. Facilitated **2,000 women** at hospitals with safe deliveries
10. Distributed ration bags to **400 households** in the UC, during COVID-19 pandemic
11. Provided **30 households** with solar plates and **20 households** with fans in the UC
12. Reopened **1 formerly closed school** in the UC
13. Arranged **8 Medical Camps** in the UC
14. Constructed a **2 Km concrete cement road** in the UC

Women leaders of the **LSO Azaan** 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.

Improving Transportation Accessibility

The poorly constructed pathways served as a flood hazard in the Union Council (UC) Pipri. During the rainy seasons, the water remained stagnant for days, which restricted the community's access to work, schooling and healthcare, thus compromising their health and welfare. Weary of this issue, the dwellers from the UC Pipri, reached out to their Local Support Organisation (LSO) Azaan for help. As a result, the leaders of the LSO met with the UC chairman and the District Commissioner (DC) to discuss this issue and placed an application for road construction. After a few follow-up meetings and multiple visits to the UC, the chairman and DC permitted the construction of a linked road in the UC which was completed within two months and since then people have an easy access to places.



A LSO leader Facilitating the Polio Team Member for Vaccination of Children



LSO Leader Mobilising Women of Village Jumo Chuhan for COVID-19 Vaccination



LSO Members Celebrating Women's Day with Women of UC Pipri



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