



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 Azad TRK

District Dadu Tehsil: Johi	Union Council Tando Raheem	Date of Formation June 20 2019	Total Households in Union Council 2,395	Organised Households 1,428
Coverage 60%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 80 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 8 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 8 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members 6 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR **2,894,009** disbursed to **106** households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR **2,303,000** benefited **103** households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting **393** people/population covered



Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited **08** female beneficiaries



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): **06** schemes (All schemes completed)



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

1. Conducted **65 sessions** educating **2,973 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **2,580 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **5,325 children (2,988 boys and 2,337 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,050 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **7,570 CNICs, 760 B-forms, 430 Nikkah Namas, 840 death certificates** and registered **7,570 votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **8,799 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **6,570 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **2,230 women** reaching out to health centres for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Azad TRK** 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.

Response to COVID-19

The outbreak of COVID-19 was a major threat to the people, especially in the rural communities, as they had less access to the right information and to the precautionary measures. The high rates of growing cases day by day were causing depression and anxieties among the people. Aiming to help the community, leaders of the local Support Organisation (LSO) Azad TRK decided on conducting awareness sessions for them. For this purpose, they instructed the Community Resource Persons (CRPs) to deliver awareness sessions on the SOPs of COVID-19 after their routine Community Awareness Toolkit (CAT) to the people. Moreover, the LSO leaders also supported the Government Health Department in the COVID-19 Vaccination. They have been mobilising the communities for the COVID-19 vaccination and have organized 3 camps through which 2,050 individuals have been vaccinated.



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