










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 Bakh

District Dadu Tehsil: K.N Shah	Union Council  Buttra	Date of Formation  July 31 2018	Total Households in Union Council  2,051	Organised Households  1,726
Coverage  84%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  73 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  13 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  25 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members  6 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 5,880,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 5,586,000 disbursed to 196 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,016,000 benefited 95 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 263 people/population covered


 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST)
 benefited **20** male and **19** female
 beneficiaries



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

1. Conducted **52 sessions** educating **2,456 individuals** on various health and educational topics.
2. Planted **2,435 trees** in different villages of the UC.
3. Enrolled **2,650 children (1,650 boys and 1,000 girls)** in school.
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,463 individuals** against COVID-19.
5. Registered **1,920 CNICs, 590 B-forms, 250 Nikkah Namas, 350 death certificates** and registered **2,590 votes** in the Union Council.
6. Vaccinated **2,564 animals** with the help of Livestock Department.
7. Treated **2,654 patients** free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department.
8. Facilitation of **1,600 women** in numerous health centres for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Bakh** are planning and implementing development activities both on self-help basis as well as in collaboration with the 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.

COVID-19 Vaccination (Sharing the burden)

During COVID-19 Pandemic, the Local Support Organisation (LSO) leaders decided to raise awareness among the community members through the Community Awareness Toolkit (CATs) sessions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and the precautionary measures. The LSO leaders engaged the Community Resource Persons (CRPs) to conduct sessions and educate the community members to wear facemasks and follow all the government SOPs. Other than this, the LSO members also supported the Government Health Department in the COVID-19 Vaccination. Through the Community Organisations (COs) and Village Organisations (VOs), the LSO has largely mobilised the community members to get vaccinated in the vaccination camps organized by them.



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