



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 Balidai

<p>District Dadu</p> <p>Tehsil: Mehar</p>	<p>Union Council Balidai</p>	<p>Date of Formation Jan 31 2017</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council 2,549</p>	<p>Organised Households 2,089</p>
<p>Coverage 82%</p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) 113 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 11 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members 30 (all women)</p>	<p>Number of Executive Committee Members 6 (all women)</p>

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 5,220,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 18,103,000 disbursed to 418 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 4,563,000 benefited 235 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 400 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 14 male and 137 female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 10 schemes (All schemes completed)</p>



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS)
educating **749** female beneficiaries through
30 learning Centres



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

1. Conducted **58 sessions** educating **3,423 individuals** on various health and education topics
2. Planted **880 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **621 children (321 boys and 300 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,354 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **5,000 CNICs, 70 B-forms, 60 Nikkah Namas, 120 death certificates** and **10 electoral votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **3,267 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **2,413 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **1,660 women** at hospitals with safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Balidai** 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.

Moving Towards a Sustainable Environment

The Union Council (UC) Balidai lacked sufficient trees and plants to provide fruits, and shadow, purify the air and reduce the effect of heat in summers. Not having the resources to buy seeds for plantation, the poor rural community of the UC had given up their hopes of making their UC green. Therefore, the community for help, approached the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Balidai. The LSO leaders in response decided to promote environmental stability by utilising their external linkages with the Government Forest Department and consequently a request for the provision of trees and seeds was made. On approval, 880 trees and packs of seeds were provided to different villages of the UC. The community felt delighted on receiving such an assistance, and enthusiastically supported the LSO in planting those trees, in hope of creating a better atmosphere in the UC.



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