



### 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 Banh Beli

District <b>Jamshoro</b> Tehsil: <b>Thano Bula Khan</b>	Union Council <b>Toung</b>	Date of Formation July <b>31</b> 2018	Total Households in Union Council <b>2,035</b>	Organised Households <b>1,759</b>
Coverage <b>86%</b>	Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>117</b> (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>10</b> (all women's)	Number of General Body Members <b>24</b> (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members <b>6</b> (all women)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR <b>2,000,000</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>1,140,000</b> disbursed to <b>54</b> households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>4,647,000</b> benefited <b>216</b> households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>735</b> people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>38</b> male beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): <b>08</b> schemes (All schemes completed)</p>



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

1. Conducted **60 sessions** educating **6,000 individuals** on
2. Planted **6,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **2,000 children (800 boys and 1,200 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **3,600 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **900 CNICs, 600 B-forms, 300 Nikkah Namas, 250 death certificates** and **4,000 electoral votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **5,500 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **4,000 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Taken **500 women** to health centres for safe deliveries.
9. Reopened **20 Schools** in the UC.
10. Distributed **1,200 ration bags** among the needy people.
11. Installed **100 water pumps** in the UC.
12. Constructed **100km Linked Road** in the UC.
13. Distributed Stipend worth **5,000 to 1,000 people** by the help of EHSAAS Program.
14. Constructed **6 mosques** in the UC
15. Provided **100 sewing machines** to the needy women by the help of the Government.
16. Installed **3 network towers**
17. Stopped **100 early child marriages**

Women leaders of the **LSO Banh Beli** 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.

## Reopening of a Government Hospital

The local Support Organisation (LSO) Banh Beli, although had a government hospital but it was not functional due to the unavailability of the doctor. The community had to go to the hospitals in other Union Councils (UCs) in case of emergencies. Majority of them were unable to bear the travel expenses. The community members were facing much trouble in going to another city, which was far away. Leaders of the LSO took this issue seriously, realized the urgency of the issue, and intended to resolve it as soon as possible. The LSO leaders along with the members of the community organisations (COs) and the village organisations (VOs) went to the UC Chairman Office and briefly discussed the issue. With the support of the UC chairman a doctor has been appointed and the hospital reopened for the community members.



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