



### 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 Bismillah

District <b>Dadu</b> Tehsil: <b>Mehar</b>	Union Council <b>Litan</b>	Date of Formation Jan <b>13</b> 2017	Total Households in Union Council <b>2,735</b>	Organised Households <b>2,311</b>
Coverage <b>84%</b>	Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>145</b> (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>16</b> (all women's)	Number of General Body Members <b>26</b> (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members <b>6</b> (all women)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR <b>4,925,000</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>8,271,000</b> disbursed to <b>276</b> households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>3,236,000</b> benefited <b>170</b> households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>424</b> people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>01</b> male and <b>203</b> female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): <b>12</b> schemes (All schemes completed)



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

1. Conducted **53 sessions** educating **2,641 individuals** on health and education.
2. Planted **318 trees** in different villages of the UC.
3. Enrolled **266 children (166 boys and 100 girls)** in school.
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,414 individuals** against COVID-19.
5. Registered **635 CNICs, 38 B-forms, 35 Nikkah Namas, 59 death certificates** and registered **636 voters** in the Union Council.
6. Vaccinated **2,134 animals** with the help of Livestock Department.
7. Treated **2,135 patients** free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department.
8. Facilitated **75 women** with their safe deliveries through rural health centres.

Women leaders of the **LSO Bismillah UC Litan** 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 also taking self-initiatives to improve their lives.

## Re-opening of the BHU site in the UC (A Ray of Hope)

The Union Council (UC) Litan faced significant health issues and had very little access to basic health facilities. Due to this, they were forced to travel miles for simple treatment, which incurred a substantial financial cost for the already financially struggling community. However, the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Bismillah UC Litan took it upon themselves to revamp the local Basic Health Unit (BHU) in order to facilitate the local community. They managed to make the BHU functional by engaging with the government officials at the health department, which provided the local community with a fully functional basic health unit in the area so that people could be treated at an earlier stage without thinking too much of the financial strings attached.



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