

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 Manzil

District Jamshoro Tehsil: Manjhand	Union Council Amri	Date of Formation April 27 2018	Total Households in Union Council 2,650	Organised Households 2,274
Coverage 86%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 145 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 18 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 35 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members 6 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 7,972,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 24,042,500 disbursed to 469 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 5,645,000 benefited 274 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 639 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 60 male and 92 female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 16 schemes (All schemes completed)



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS)
educating **245** female beneficiaries through
10 learning Centres



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

1. Conducted **70 sessions** educating **10,000 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **50,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **5,000 children (1,500 boys and 3,500 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Facilitated the vaccination of **700 children** against polio and measles
6. Registered **6,000 CNICs, 12,000 B-forms, 2000 Nikkah Namas, 500 death certificates** and **15,000 electoral votes** in the Union Council
7. Vaccinated **25,000 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
8. Treated **15,000 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
9. Facilitated **1,800 women** at hospitals with safe deliveries
10. Repaired **40 water hand pumps** in the UC
11. Assisted **250 women** in starting small businesses
12. Provided **900 goats** and **1,100 hens** to the needy community of the UC through the help of World Food Program (WFP)
13. Assisted **600 individuals** in getting health cards from Sehat Sahulat Programme
14. Supported **3 deserving individuals** with medical billing through the LSO savings
15. Assisted **1 member** of Community Organisation in purchasing a cow through the LSO savings

Women leaders of the **LSO Manzil** 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.

Eradicating Polio in the Union Council (UC) Amri

There were wide-ranging misconceptions against oral polio vaccine drops among the less educated, rural community of the Union Council (UC) Amri. Where few households refused the polio team visiting their homes, others had been unattended due to the unavailability at times when the polio team visited. To put an end to this practice leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Manzil gathered the community and explained to them the immunisation process and its necessity. Later the LSO leaders actively supported the Government Health Department for effective Polio vaccination in the UC as well. To avoid children being missed by the polio team the LSO leaders communicated the dates and places for vaccination across the UC through the developed LSO networks. Whereas the refusal households were visited door to door. As a result, 700 children have been vaccinated against polio. With the success of this initiative, the LSO leaders have planned to do so in the coming years as well.



Polio Vaccination Team Member Visiting UC Amri for Polio Vaccination



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