

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 Mehran

<p>District Dadu</p> <p>Tehsil: Mehar</p>	<p>Union Council Mureed Lakhair</p>	<p>Date of Formation April 30 2018</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council 1,816</p>	<p>Organised Households 1,580</p>
<p>Coverage 87%</p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) 91 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 9 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members 29 (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 5,130,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 9,864,000 disbursed to 257 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 3,430,000 benefited 170 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 372 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 28 male and 97 female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 08 schemes (All schemes completed)</p>



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

1. Conducted **59 sessions** educating **3,421 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **160 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **395 children (295 boys and 100 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,134 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **5,612 CNICs, 60 B-forms, 40 Nikkah Namas** and **80 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,312 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **1,983 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **260 women** at hospitals for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Mehran** 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.

Plantation and Kitchen Gardening in the UC Mureed Lakhair

Villagers from the Union Council (UC) Mureed Lakhair were well aware of the benefits of the plantation. They had desired to initiate kitchen gardening in their homes and plant trees in their UC. However, due to the low incomes and lack of community connections and backing, they were unable to undertake this initiative. Nevertheless, with the formation of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Mehran and the creation of strong community networks, leaders of the LSO were able to persuade and mobilise the community in initiating a plantation drive. To arrange the trees and seeds the LSO leaders approached and requested the District Forest Officer (DFO) for help. In the agreement, the DFO provided the UC with 100 trees and vegetable seeds for kitchen gardening. The community members actively planted the trees and all the seeds. These plants have grown up now and the villagers utilise their home-produced vegetables for their meals.



Polio Vaccination Drive Managed by the LSO Mehran in the UC Mureed Lakhair



Polio Vaccination Team Member Marking Children for Vaccination against Polio in UC Mureed Lakhair



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