



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 Muhabbat

District Jamshoro Tehsil: Manjhand	Union Council Shalmani	Date of Formation July 27 2018	Total Households in Union Council 1,927	Organised Households 1,668
Coverage 87%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 102 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 13 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 27 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members 6 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 5,636,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 9,390,000 disbursed to 266 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,274,000 benefited 108 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 317 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 15 male and 103 female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 11 schemes (All schemes completed)



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS)
educating **246** female beneficiaries through
10 learning Centres



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

1. Conducted **56 sessions** educating **70,000 individuals** on various health and education topics
2. Planted **7,500 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **2,650 children (1,650 boys and 1,000 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **1,590 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **15,000 CNICs, 3,000 B-forms, 1000 Nikkah Namas, 1,000 death certificates** and **20,000 electoral votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **25,000 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **5,000 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **5,000 women** at hospitals for safe deliveries
9. Repaired **3 water tanks** with the help of the Government
10. Repaired **10 water hand pumps** in the UC
11. Facilitated **300 individuals** in receiving goats and hens through different organisations
12. Distributed **soaps, facemasks, and hand sanitizers** in the UC, during COVID-19 pandemic
13. Opened **1 dispensary** by the help of the Health Department.

Women leaders of the **LSO Muhabbat** 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.

Endorsing Formal Education

Children of the Union Council (UC) Shalmani had remained out of school for a year due to the unavailability of the teachers in the school. Due to widespread illiteracy in the UC, lack of education was not a significant issue among the dwellers. Therefore, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) realised the need to put a step forward and resolve the issue. They arranged an awareness session on the significance of formal education to make the parents informed. Whereas for the reopening of the school and appointment of teachers, an application was sent to the Government Education Department. Soon after the approval of their request, the teachers were appointed to the schools. This led to the reopening of two formerly closed schools within two months, whereas school attendance and enrolment have also increased.



The Reopened School in the UC Shalmani by the Help of the Government Education Department



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