



### 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 Murk

<p>District <b>Dadu</b></p> <p>Tehsil: <b>K.N Shah</b></p>	<p>Union Council <b>Pat Gul Muhammad</b></p>	<p>Date of Formation <b>April 26 2018</b></p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council <b>2,214</b></p>	<p>Organised Households <b>2,066</b></p>
<p>Coverage <b>93%</b></p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>75</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>10</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members <b>23</b> (all women)</p>	<p>Number of Executive Committee Members <b>6</b> (all women)</p>

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR <b>5,500,000</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>8,825,000</b> disbursed to <b>264</b> households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>9,056,000</b> benefited <b>449</b> households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to <b>913</b> households benefitting <b>10</b> people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>28</b> male and <b>01</b> female 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 **2,357 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **5,603 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **6,067 children (3,500 boys and 2,567 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **3,746 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **505 CNICs, 16 B-forms, 13 Nikkah Namas, 250 death certificates** and **660 electoral votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **3,645 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **2,376 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **369 women** at hospitals for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Murk** 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.

## Combating the COVID-19 Pandemic

In 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic hit the community members of the Union Council (UC) Pat Gul Muhammad, they were left confused about the spreading virus and its precaution, due to a lack of information connectivity in the UC. To avoid misconceptions and to lessen the widespread fears regarding the coronavirus in the community, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Murk decided to educate them on COVID-19 precautionary measures. For this purpose, they arranged monthly awareness sessions in the community. Whereas to distribute face masks, sanitizers and gloves, the LSO leaders sought help of the UC Chairman. This decreased the COVID-19 fallacies in the UC, where villagers have now understood and complied with the COVID-19 safety measures.



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