












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 Sindh Sakafat

District Dadu Tehsil: Dadu	Union Council  Khudabad	Date of Formation  Jan 19 2017	Total Households in Union Council  2,443	Organised Households  2,053
Coverage  84%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  93 <small>(all women's)</small>	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  8 <small>(all women's)</small>	Number of General Body Members  27 <small>(all women)</small>	Number of Executive Committee Members  6 <small>(all women)</small>

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 5,269,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 13,913,000 disbursed to 339 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,785,000 benefited 139 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 319 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 53 male and 193 female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 07 schemes (All schemes completed)



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS)
 educating **342** female beneficiaries through
14 learning Centres



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

1. Conducted **75 sessions** educating **1,140 individuals** on various health and educational topics.
2. Planted **2,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **1,250 children (550 boys and 700 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **3,200 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **8,000 CNICs, 800 B-forms, 200 Nikkah Namas,** and **150 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **5,000 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **5,750 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Sindh Sakafat** 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.

Facilitating the Poorest During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic had economically affected multiple households in the Union Council (UC) Khudabad. The daily wagers were left without work and many became jobless. With no source of earnings and with the imposed lockdown in the UC, most villagers were left without food items. Considering the issue, the District Government officials undertook an initiative to distribute food ration packs to the UC Khudabad. Whereas to identify needy households of the UC, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Sindh Sakafat were approached. Having a strong network of communication and mobilisation, the LSO leaders identified the poorest community members, made a list and provided it to the government officials. As a result, 40 deserving families



acquired food ration packs through the government's support. This helped them in making through the tough days of the pandemic.



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