



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 Sudharo

<p>District Dadu</p> <p>Tehsil: Dadu</p>	<p>Union Council Pir Tarho</p>	<p>Date of Formation Sep 28 2017</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council 2,350</p>	<p>Organised Households 2,260</p>
<p>Coverage 96%</p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) 11 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 6 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members 40 (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 4,699,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 13,675,000 disbursed to 281 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,514,000 benefited 122 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 311 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 13 male and 145 female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 10 schemes (All schemes completed)</p>



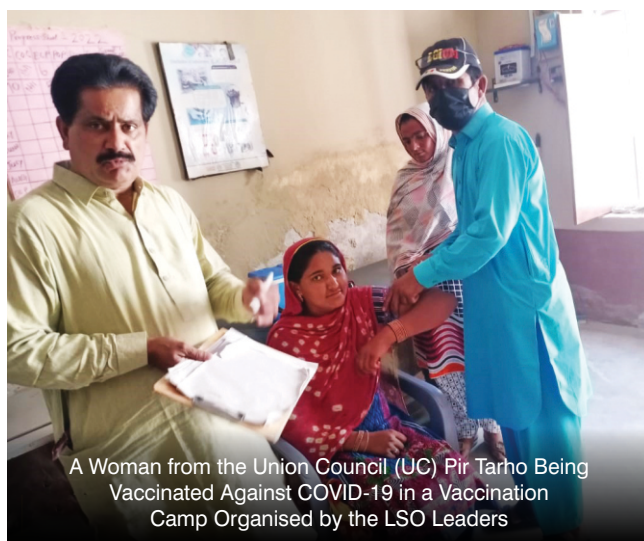
Activities implemented through self-help and in collaboration with Government and other development agencies:

1. Conducted **65 sessions** educating **985 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **7,400 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **5,400 children** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **650 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **7,050 CNICs, 150 B-forms, 554 Nikkah Namas, 350 death certificates** and **7,050 electoral votes** registered in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **1,50,000 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **2,750 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **1,680 women** at hospitals with safe deliveries
9. Provided **60 households** with solar plates and **20 households** with fans in the UC
10. Reopened **5 formerly** closed schools in the UC
11. Constructed **1,600 washrooms, 3 linked roads** to Dadu, and **1 Mosque** (Masjid) in the UC

Women leaders of the **LSO Sudharo** 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.

Advocating for Child Rights

Child marriage was a common practice in the Union Council (UC) Pir Tarho. These forceful and underage marriages undermined the development and potential of the girls by subjecting them to household-level responsibilities and putting them at risk of early pregnancies. However, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Sudharo, after learning about individual rights in Community Management and Skills Training (CMST), realised that they have to put an end to this harmful prevalent custom. Therefore, they arranged awareness sessions in order to educate the community on the downsides of child marriages. Whereas to prevent girl child marriages from the reluctant households, they sought the help of community's influential people like *Waderas*. Through their efforts, the LSO was able to stop two child marriages on time. This set an example among the villagers, who now have abandoned this practice and do not force their children to marry before the age of eighteen years.



A Woman from the Union Council (UC) Pir Tarho Being Vaccinated Against COVID-19 in a Vaccination Camp Organised by the LSO Leaders



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