

### 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 Tareef

District <b>Dadu</b> Tehsil: <b>Mehar</b>	Union Council <b>Faridabad</b>	Date of Formation Feb <b>23</b> 2018	Total Households in Union Council <b>2,138</b>	Organised Households <b>1,958</b>
Coverage <b>92%</b>	Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>83</b> (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>8</b> (all women's)	Number of General Body Members <b>25</b> (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members <b>6</b> (all women)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR <b>5,325,000</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>8,560,000</b> disbursed to <b>257</b> households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>8,123,000</b> benefited <b>403</b> households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>968</b> people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>32</b> male and <b>110</b> female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): <b>08</b> schemes (All schemes completed)



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

1. Conducted **59 sessions** educating **2,364 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **1,873 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **1,400 children (750 boys and 650 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **3,562 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **689 CNICs, 530 B-forms, 600 Nikkah Namas, 520 death certificates** and **1,421 electoral votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,543 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **3,411 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **653 women** at hospitals for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Tareef** 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.

## Promoting Animal Health and Wellbeing

The incomes of villagers in the rural community of the Union Council (UC) Faridabad were quite low. This was due to their dependence on unhealthy and poorly maintained livestock that decreased work output and financial returns. In addition, the livestock fatalities had pushed the households into further poverty. It was after attending the Community Awareness Toolkit sessions arranged by the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Tareef, that the community realised the health of the livestock could be improved through vaccination. Therefore, the community members asked the LSO leaders for assistance in this matter. To get the animals vaccinated the LSO leaders contacted government's livestock department and requested the arrangement of a livestock vaccination team visit to the UC. Consequently, the vaccination teams visited multiple villages of the UC and vaccinated all the livestock at the community doorstep. Through this initiative, the LSO leaders were able to facilitate the vaccination of 1,200 livestock in the Union Council. This has improved the animals' health and productivity, thus increasing the farmers' income.



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