



### 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 Umeed


<p>District <b>Dadu</b></p> <p>Tehsil: <b>Dadu</b></p>	<p>Union Council <b>Muradabad Channa</b></p>	<p>Date of Formation Nov 29 2017</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council 2,399</p>	<p>Organised Households 1,807</p>
<p>Coverage 75%</p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) 89 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 10 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members 28 (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 <b>5,943,000</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>25,774,000</b> disbursed to <b>432</b> households</p>
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 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>3,315,000</b> benefited <b>164</b> households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>387</b> people/population covered</p>
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 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>10</b> male and <b>41</b> female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): <b>09</b> schemes (All schemes completed)</p>
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Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS)  
educating **13** female beneficiaries through  
**01** learning Centres



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

1. Conducted **85 sessions** educating **8,000 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **1,990 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **3,376 children (1,486 boys and 1,890 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **1,900 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **8,780 CNICs, 1,095 B-forms, 930 Nikkah Namas, 370 death certificates** and **13,280 electoral votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **3,565 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **3,075 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **5,500 women** with at hospital delivery
9. Distributed ration bags to **60 households** in the UC, during COVID-19 pandemic
10. Reopened **1 formerly closed school** in the UC
11. Prevented **145 girls** from early marriage cases
12. Facilitated **25 widow women** in receiving **PKR 5,000** from Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal
13. Constructed **3 water tanks** and installed **60 water hand pumps** by the help of HANDS NGO.
14. Constructed **1 hospital** in the UC.
15. Constructed a **2km concrete cemented road** in the UC

Women leaders of the **LSO Umeed** 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.

### Re-establishing a Formerly Closed School

The government primary school in Village Pir Arthro Nawab of the Union Council (UC) Muradabad Channa had remained non-functional for two years due to the unavailability of teachers. This prohibited the children from getting a formal education, who had remained out of school during this period. After the formation of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Umeed the LSO leaders being well aware of this concern, decided to work on appointing teachers and reopening the school. To make matters official the LSO leaders went to the DC office, explained the issue, gave an application and invited the DC to visit the school. After visiting and realising the significance of the issue, the request for school reopening was approved. Within two weeks, the teachers were appointed and the school became functional. As a result, all the children of the village enrolled back in the school, continued their education and aspire to advance their years of schooling.



NADRA Mobile Van Arranged by the LSO leaders for CNIC Registration of Villagers at Village Dhani Bux Khoso



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