

### 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 Ladiun

<p>District <b>Sujawal</b></p> <p>Tehsil: <b>Shah Bunder</b></p>	<p>Union Council <b>Ladiun</b></p>	<p>Date of Formation Feb <b>28</b> 2018</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council <b>2,450</b></p>	<p>Organised Households <b>1,931</b></p>
<p>Coverage <b>78%</b></p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>100</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>27</b> (all women)</p>	<p>Number of Executive Committee Members <b>15</b> (all women)</p>

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR <b>48,57000</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>48,57000</b> disbursed to <b>333</b> households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>5,967,000</b> benefited <b>459</b> households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>951</b> people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>45</b> female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating <b>77</b> female beneficiaries through <b>04</b> learning Centres</p>



 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):  
**07** schemes  
 (5 schemes completed and 2 are ongoing)



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

1. Conducted **4,006 awareness sessions** educating **97,846 individuals** on family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination, COVID-19, human rights and woman empowerment.
2. Planted **10,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **1,500 children (890 boys and 610 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **15,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **3,670 CNICs, 5,820 B-forms, 580 Nikkah Namas,** and **5,430 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **8,000 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **75 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Ladiun** 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 also taking self-initiatives to improve their lives.

## Financially Aiding the Poor Household

Multiple individuals in the Union Council (UC) Ladiun had received Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST). However, due to the poor financial conditions, they were unable to initiate their business. Raising the issue in the monthly Local Support Organisation (LSO) Ladiun meeting, the LSO leaders decided to support their fellow community members by using their external linkages with the Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO). The LSO leaders sent an application to the SPO officials, describing the community individuals' concerns and requesting financial assistance. The SPO officials responded positively and decided to provide cash grants worth PKR 50,000 to the deserving individuals visiting the UC. Through this initiative, they were able to help multiple individuals in starting different small-scale businesses, who now earn better and support their families in monthly expenses.



Road constructed in the Union Council (UC) Ladiun by the Efforts of the LSO Ladiun



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