

### 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 Ali Akber Shah

<p>District <b>Sujawal</b></p> <p>Tehsil: <b>Mirpur Bathoro</b></p>	<p>Union Council <b>Ali Akber Shah</b></p>	<p>Date of Formation Oct <b>29</b> 2016</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council <b>2,153</b></p>	<p>Organised Households <b>1,532</b></p>
<p>Coverage <b>71%</b></p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>84</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>04</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members <b>25</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>43,50,000</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>12,915,000</b> disbursed to <b>680</b> households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>200,2,000</b> benefited <b>154</b> households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>490</b> people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>12</b> male and <b>37</b> female . beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating <b>76</b> female beneficiaries through <b>04</b> learning Centres</p>

  Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):  
**04** schemes  
(All schemes completed)



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

1. Conducted **2,208 awareness sessions** educating **55,200 individuals** on family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination and COVID-19 vaccination.
2. Planted **1,995 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **2,080 children (1,248 boys and 832 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **4,800 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **6,026 CNICs, 150 B-forms, 250 Nikkah Namas,** and **232 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **1,626 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **108 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Ali Akbeer Shah** 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.

## Fixing the Pathways

The unpaved and unclean pathways of village Haji Misri Lund in the Union Council (UC) Ali Akber Shah hindered the movement of its residents. During the rains, these pathways would flood and welcome water and vector-borne diseases. Distressed about these issues, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Ali Akber held a meeting where they decided to invite a Member of the Provincial Assembly (MPA) of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) to the village. On meeting the PPP's MPA, the LSO leaders explained the gravity of the issue and requested for the construction of proper pathways in the village. Soon the MPA approved their request and mandated the construction of surfaced roads in the village. The road construction took few months to be completed. Since then the villagers feel at ease while moving in and out of the village.



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