



### 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 Bahar

<p>District <b>Sujawal</b></p> <p>Tehsil: <b>Sujawal</b></p>	<p>Union Council <b>Ali Bahar</b></p>	<p>Date of Formation Jan <b>27</b> 2018</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council <b>2,911</b></p>	<p>Organised Households <b>2,248</b></p>
<p>Coverage <b>77%</b></p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>97</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>08</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members <b>24</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>4,000,000</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>4,047,000</b> disbursed to <b>224</b> households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>3,055,000</b> benefited <b>235</b> households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>583</b> people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>05</b> male and <b>102</b> female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating <b>109</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 **1,806 awareness sessions** educating **37,620 individuals** on family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination, and COVID-19 vaccination
2. Planted **4,280 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **2,612 children (1,358 boys and 1,254 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **17,058 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **17,928 CNICs, 2,000 B-forms, 2,000 Nikkah Namas,** and **1,530 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **3,000 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **105 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Ali Bahr** 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.

## Ensuring Quality Education

Due to school closure in the Union Council (UC) Ali Bahr, the school-age children were unable to get an education, who instead accompanied their parents to the fields and helped them in labour work. Mindful about the importance of education and wanting their children to thrive in the future, parents in the UC Ali Bahr started highlighting the need for a functional school in the Local Support Organisation's (LSO) monthly meetings. Subsequently, the LSO leaders sent an application to the District Education Department and requested the re-opening of the closed school. In response, the officials of the education department visited the UC's school and realized the need for sufficient teachers and proper furniture for its functioning. Therefore, an immediate mandate was given to appoint school teachers and provide necessary school supplies. This resulted in the reopening of the formerly closed school, which has promoted a culture of literacy in the UC, where children now go to school and parents no longer worry about their children's learning.



Children Sitting in a Classroom of Recently Reopened School by the Help of Education Department in the UC Ali Bahr



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