



### 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 Begna

<b>District</b> <b>Sujawal</b> <b>Tehsil:</b> <b>Jati</b>	<b>Union Council</b>  <b>Begna</b>	<b>Date of Formation</b>  <b>29</b> <b>2016</b>	<b>Total Households in Union Council</b>  <b>2,971</b>	<b>Organised Households</b>  <b>2,132</b>
<b>Coverage</b>  <b>72%</b>	<b>Number of Community Organisations (COs)</b>  <b>98</b> <small>(all women's)</small>	<b>Number of Village Organisations (VOs)</b>  <b>09</b> <small>(all women's)</small>	<b>Number of General Body Members</b>  <b>27</b> <small>(all women)</small>	<b>Number of Executive Committee Members</b>  <b>15</b> <small>(all women)</small>

## Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of  <b>PKR 4,000,000</b>          Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of  <b>PKR 18,363,000</b> disbursed to  <b>910</b> households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of  <b>PKR 2,535,600</b> benefited  <b>195</b> households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided          benefitting <b>497</b> people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST)          benefited <b>49</b> male and <b>111</b> female          beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS)          educating <b>100</b> female beneficiaries through  <b>04</b> learning Centres</p>



**Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):**  
**09** schemes  
 (6 schemes completed and 3 are ongoing)



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

1. Conducted **3,795 awareness sessions** educating **94,875 individuals** on various aspects like health and hygiene, mother & child health, prevention of COVID-19
2. Planted **3,200 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **1,980 children (1,235 boys and 745 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **8,093 individuals** against COVID19
5. Registered **785 CNICs, 8,700 B-forms, 5,430 Nikkah Namas,** and **96 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **1,000 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **1,500 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Begna** 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.

## Reducing the Impact of Pandemic COVID-19

The COVID-19 Pandemic led to fright among the community members of the Union Council (UC) Begna. It peaked when the government imposed lockdown and the dwellers could not find labour work. Worried about the loss of income, the community individuals came together and requested leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) for assistance during the pandemic. As a result, the LSO leaders sent an application to the non-government organization (NGO) SAWFCO officials for facilitation in this matter. The NGO officials responded positively and provided the LSO leaders with food ration bags and hygiene kits, consisting of facemasks, hand sanitisers and soaps, to the community households. Due to this aid, the community members were able to live through the pandemic's harsh times.



Community Women Attending a Session on COVID-19 Precautions in the UC Begna



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