









### What are LSOs?









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 Darro

<p>District <b>Sujawal</b></p> <p>Tehsil: <b>Mirpur Bathoro</b></p>	<p>Union Council <b>Darro</b></p> 	<p>Date of Formation</p> <p>June 30 2017</p> 	<p>Total Households in Union Council</p> <p>1,811</p> 	<p>Organised Households</p> <p>977</p> 
<p>Coverage</p> <p>53%</p> 	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs)</p> <p>49 (all women's)</p> 	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs)</p> <p>03 (all women's)</p> 	<p>Number of General Body Members</p> <p>24 (all women)</p> 	<p>Number of Executive Committee Members</p> <p>15 (all women)</p> 

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR <b>40,00000</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>45,11000</b> disbursed to <b>195</b> households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>17,29000</b> benefited <b>133</b> households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>315</b> people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>04</b> male and <b>36</b> female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): <b>03</b> schemes (All schemes completed)</p>
 <p>Enterprise Development Supporting <b>04</b> male and <b>11</b> female beneficiaries through the formation of <b>05</b> Business Development Group (BDGs)</p>	 <p>Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating <b>91</b> female beneficiaries through <b>05</b> learning Centres</p>



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

1. Conducted **1,800 awareness sessions** educating **45,000 individuals** on basic rights, women empowerment family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination, COVID-19 vaccination.
2. Planted **3,500 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **2,800 children (1,456 boys and 1,344 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **8,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **4,822 CNICs, 2,800 B-forms, 350 Nikkah Namas,** and **300 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,500 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **275 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Darro** 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.

## Accessing Quality Water

The water supply in the Union Council (UC) Darro was contaminated and the few installed water pumps did not have purified water to be used for drinking purposes. Therefore, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Darro decided to get water hand pumps installed in their UC with purified and potable groundwater. For this purpose, the LSO leaders contacted the UC chairman and requested financial assistance. Soon the UC chairman agreed and provided funds, through which the LSO leaders first engaged professionals for the assessment of groundwater quality in the UC. After identifying safe water sites, the LSO leaders bought and installed 250 hand pumps in the UC. These efforts of LSO leaders have made potable water accessible to UC dwellers who no longer have to be worried about health hazards related to unclean water usage.



A Doctor Physically Examining a Community Member During a Free Medical Camp Arranged by the LSO Members in the UC Darro



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