



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 Googani

District Sujawal Tehsil: Shah Bunder	Union Council Googani	Date of Formation  25 2017	Total Households in Union Council  3,002	Organised Households  2,243
Coverage  74%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  114 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  08 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  21 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members  15 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,000,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 6,475,000 disbursed to 336 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 3,952,000 benefited 304 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 818 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 59 male and 64 female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 69 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres</p>



 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):
07 schemes
 (03 schemes completed and 04 are ongoing)



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

1. Conducted **2,440 awareness sessions** educating individuals on family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination, and COVID-19 vaccination.
2. Planted **3,838 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **2,623 children (1,800 boys and 823 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **1,643 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **6,430 CNICs, 198 B-forms, 1,014 Nikkah Namas,** and **354 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,461 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **512 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Googani** 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.

Expanding the Infrastructure in the UC Goongani

Due to the poor road quality, farmers of the Union Council (UC) Goongani were unable to bring agricultural vehicles, like tractors to their farms. Therefore, they depended upon the traditional farming methods of ploughing animals, which would consume much of their efforts and time. Leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) decided to ease their troubles through the construction of a road in their UC making mobility accessible. To undertake this plan, the LSO leaders contacted a Member of the National Assembly (MNA) of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) for help. The MNA kindly agreed and mandated the construction of a road in the UC. However, the road is under construction now and the farmers and dwellers hope it will result in the improvement and development of the UC.



Road under construction in the UC Goongani by efforts the MNA-PPP



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