












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 Gul Muhammad Baran

<p>District Sujawal</p> <p>Tehsil: Jati</p>	<p>Union Council Gul Muhammad Baran</p> 	<p>Date of Formation</p> <p>July 17 2017</p> 	<p>Total Households in Union Council</p> <p>3,204</p> 	<p>Organised Households</p> <p>2,600</p> 
<p>Coverage</p> <p>81%</p> 	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs)</p> <p>131 (all women's)</p> 	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs)</p> <p>15 (all women's)</p> 	<p>Number of General Body Members</p> <p>26 (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 4,000,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 14,904,000 disbursed to 765 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 6,564,000 benefited 498 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 882 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 119 male and 161 female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 09 schemes (03 schemes are completed, 04 are ongoing)</p>
 <p>Enterprise Development Supporting 03 male beneficiaries through the formation of 01 Business Development Group (BDGs)</p>	 <p>Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 100 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres</p>



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

1. Conducted **4,859 awareness sessions** educating **28,784 individuals** on mother & child health, civil registration, and education.
2. Planted **4,700 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **512 children (309 boys and 202 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **18,500 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **1,950 CNICs, 3,000 B-forms, 843 Nikkah Namas,** and **250 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **3,200 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **57 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Gul Muhammad Baran** 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.

Resolving Water Crises in the UC Gul Muhammad Baran

The insufficient water sources in Union Council (UC) Gul Muhammad Baran would result in water scarcity in the UC especially during summers when the water ponds and wells would dry out. The inhabitants would then have no choice but to travel long distances and fetch water. Therefore, in order to improve their standard of living, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Gul Muhammad Baran decided to work on the installation of water hand pumps in the UC. For this, the LSO leaders surveyed the community to identify the number of households in need of water hand pumps. They found 237 disadvantaged households and then approached the UC chairman for assistance. Impressed by the efforts of the LSO leaders, the UC chairman agreed on helping his fellow community members and subsequently provided them with a sufficient number of water hand pumps. Consequently, no one remained deprived of clean water supply in the UC Gul Muhammad Baran. Whereas this initiative has also improved the hygiene, sanitation and health statuses of the UC dwellers.



School Girls Studying in Recently Resumed School in the UC Gul Muhammad Baran



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