



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 Khokhar

District Tando Mohammad Khan Tehsil: Bulri Shah Karim	Union Council Khokhar	Date of Formation July 14 2018	Total Households in Union Council 2,215	Organised Households 1,881
Coverage 84%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 103 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 12 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 27 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members 15 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 46,096,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 11,533,000 disbursed to 241 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,370,000 benefited 158 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 460 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 15 male and 79 female beneficiaries	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 66 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres



 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):
07 schemes
 (06 schemes completed and 1 is ongoing)



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

1. Conducted **2,802 awareness sessions** educating **70,050 individuals** on _education, health, family planning, basic rights, covid-19, hygiene and sanitation
2. Planted **958 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **1,432 children (1,002 boys and 429 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **1,751 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **1,532 CNICs, 1,746 B-forms, 1,801 Nikkah Namas,** and **1,600 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **1,243 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **1,652 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Khokhar** 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.

Awareness Raising to Combat COVID-19

With the outbreak of pandemic COVID-19, and nationwide imposed lockdown to restrict the fast spread of the coronavirus, people in the rural areas started being terrified since they had no access to proper information about the disease, its symptoms, and precautionary measures. False myths and gossips about the virus were further distressing the rural communities. Intending to bring the people out of stress, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Khokhar reached out to a Non-Government Organisation (NGO) Health and Nutrition Development Society (HANDS) and requested their help. HANDS in response facilitated them well by conducting awareness sessions in the community regarding COVID-19 and distributing soaps, facemasks and sanitisers to member of the community. The efforts made by the LSO leaders helped the community in combating with the coronavirus largely.



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