



### 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 Mahar Shah

<b>District</b> <b>Sujawal</b> <b>Tehsil:</b> <b>Mirpur Bathoro</b>	<b>Union Council</b>  <b>Mahar Shah</b>	<b>Date of Formation</b>  <b>July 25 2017</b>	<b>Total Households in Union Council</b>  <b>2,384</b>	<b>Organised Households</b>  <b>1,545</b>
<b>Coverage</b>  <b>64%</b>	<b>Number of Community Organisations (COs)</b>  <b>75</b> <small>(all women's)</small>	<b>Number of Village Organisations (VOs)</b>  <b>06</b> <small>(all women's)</small>	<b>Number of General Body Members</b>  <b>25</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

 <b>LSO managing CIF Amount of</b> <b>PKR 4,000,000</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF	 <b>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of</b> <b>PKR 13,531,000</b> disbursed to <b>726</b> households
 <b>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of</b> <b>PKR 1,651,000</b> benefited <b>127</b> households	 <b>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided</b> benefitting <b>426</b> people/population covered
 <b>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST)</b> benefited <b>16</b> male and <b>38</b> female beneficiaries	 <b>Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS)</b> educating <b>65</b> female beneficiaries through <b>04</b> learning Centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):  
**04** schemes  
 (02 schemes completed and 02 are ongoing)



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

1. Conducted **4,986 awareness sessions** educating **124,650 individuals** on family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination, Covid-19 vaccination.
2. Planted **2,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **1,250m children (750 boys and 500 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **6,578 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **6,590 CNICs, 150 B-forms, 150 Nikkah Namas,** and **545 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,590 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **384 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Mahar Shah** 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.

## Re-opening and Renovation of School Building

Although people of the Union Council (UC) Mahar Shah in district Sujawal understood the significance of education, they were reluctant to send their children to school because of the lack of a proper school building. The Village Organisation (VO) members of the local Support Organisation (LSO) Mahar brought to the notice of the LSO leaders that the poor school building needs to be renovated immediately to control further loss of children's education. While having meetings about the issue, the LSO leaders decided to approach the district Education department and demand reconstruction of the school building. On their demand, the officials from the education department approved the building's construction and renovation. School is now resumed and children are back to acquire education.



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