








### 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 Saeedpur

District <b>Tando Mohammad Khan</b> Tehsil: <b>Bulri Shah Karim</b>	Union Council <b>Saeedpur</b>	Date of Formation  <b>25</b> <b>2017</b>	Total Households in Union Council  <b>3,322</b>	Organised Households  <b>2,335</b>
Coverage  <b>70%</b>	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  <b>118</b> <small>(all women's)</small>	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  <b>15</b> <small>(all women's)</small>	Number of General Body Members  <b>31</b> <small>(all women)</small>	Number of Executive Committee Members  <b>15</b> <small>(all women)</small>

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of <b>PKR 4,000,000</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of <b>PKR 4,112,000</b> disbursed to <b>131</b> households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of <b>PKR 1,890,000</b> benefited <b>126</b> households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>323</b> people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>24</b> male and <b>33</b> female beneficiaries	 Enterprise Development Supporting <b>03</b> female beneficiaries through the formation of Business Development Groups (BDGs)
 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating <b>97</b> female beneficiaries through <b>04</b> learning Centres	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): <b>07</b> schemes (06 schemes completed and 01 is going on)



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

1. Conducted **3,134 awareness sessions** educating **78,350 individuals** on family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination, Covid-19 vaccination.
2. Planted **209 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **203 children (boys 140 and girls 69)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **251 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **268 CNICs, 258 B-forms, 173 Nikkah Namas,** and **37 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **117 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **176 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Saeedpur** 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.

## Support to the Poorest Households

Since the rural communities have fewer earning sources, they have limited incomes to meet the basic needs of the whole family. Being unable to make a sustainable and profitable source of income like purchasing livestock etc, many households were living in poverty. Considering the need of the community, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Saeedpur came up with the idea to approach the government's livestock department and appeal for the provision of livestock to the most vulnerable and deserving households. The idea of providing livestock was to make sure a sustainable livelihood and source of income. However, after verifying the households, the livestock department provided 50 goats to them. This initiative has brought hope to 50 households that they will not have to starve anymore.



Community Members Getting COVID-19 Vaccination in a Camp Arranged by the LSO Leaders



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