



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 Shah Bunder

<p>District Sujawal</p> <p>Tehsil: Shah Bunder</p>	<p>Union Council Shah Bunder</p>	<p>Date of Formation April 16 2018</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council 2,357</p>	<p>Organised Households 1,699</p>
<p>Coverage 72%</p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) 99 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 14 (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members 24 (all women)</p>	<p>Number of Executive Committee Members 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 7,825,000 disbursed to 347 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 4,355,000 benefited 335 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 733 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 12 male and 65 female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 65 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres</p>



 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):
07 schemes
 (05 schemes completed 02 are ongoing)



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

1. Conducted **2,132 awareness sessions** educating **53,300 individuals** on basic rights, women empowerment family planning, health and sanitation, education, MR vaccination, Covid-19 vaccination.
2. Planted **6,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **5,000 children (3,500 boys and 1,500 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **10,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **6,500 CNICs, 3,500 B-forms, 1,200 Nikkah Namas,** and **175 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **3,990 animals** with the help of Livestock Department

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

Latrine Construction

People in rural areas largely practice open defecation because of not having access to latrines. Open defecation causes an unhygienic and unfavourable environment. Similarly, if had not taken preventions on time, it would have caused serious illnesses in the Union Council (UC) Shah Bunder. Leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Shah Bunder discussed the issue in their monthly meeting to find a viable solution. After holding several meetings, the leaders decided to utilize the savings on the construction of toilets in the Union Council (UC). The availability of the toilets in the UC has now put an end to the practice of open defecation from the entire UC and people are able to breathe a clean and fresh air.



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