

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 Fatima

District Dadu Tehsil: K.N Shah	Union Council  Gadehi	Date of Formation  30 2017	Total Households in Union Council  2,918	Organised Households  2,280
Coverage  78%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  123 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  14 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  27 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members  6 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,435,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 4,864,000 disbursed to 142 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,050,000 benefited 96 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 225 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 51 male and 02 female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 12 schemes (All Schemes are completed)</p>



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

1. Conducted **60 sessions** educating **3,462 individuals** on various educational and health related topics
2. Planted **8,035 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **3,816 children (1,816 boys and 2,000 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **4,682 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **6,009 CNICs, 309 B-forms, 205 Nikkah Namas, 406 death certificates and 2,155 Votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **9,374 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **3,846 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **4,670 women** in the health centres for safe deliveries.

Women leaders of the **LSO Fatima** 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.

Access to Drinking Water

Lack of access to clean drinking water is one of the main issues existing in rural communities. Likewise, people in the Union Council (UC) Gadehi were compelled to use the canal water which largely consisted of all kinds of impurities. The contaminated water caused serious stomach problems among the dwellers of the UC. However, to arrive at a long-term solution to the problem, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Fatima met with the UC Chairman and requested help in having access to clean drinking water. Through the efforts of the LSO leaders, 12 water hand pumps were provided by the UC Chairman. They also identified proper locations for the installation of hand pumps where the community members could have easy access to drinking water considering the convenience, especially for women. These hand pumps have been installed in different villages of the UC reducing the risks of health insecurities.



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