












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 Gaaj

District Dadu Tehsil: Johi	Union Council  Shah Hasan	Date of Formation  15 2018	Total Households in Union Council  1,612	Organised Households  1,141
Coverage  71%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  52 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  8 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  16 (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 2,348,500 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 1,205,000 disbursed to 58 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 3,471,000 benefited 164 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 452 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 29 female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 07 schemes (All Schemes are completed)</p>



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

1. Conducted **52 sessions** educating **2,634 individuals** on health and educational topics
2. Planted **2,846 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **3,600 children (2,000 boys and 1,600 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,316 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **2,413 CNICs, 650 B-forms, 450 Nikkah Namas, 300 death certificates and 2,831 Votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,314 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **3,417 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **2,500 women** in health centres for safe deliveries.

Women leaders of the **LSO Gaaj** 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.

Efforts to Control Early Child Marriages

Like other rural areas of Sindh, the practice of forced and early child marriages was also common in the Union Council (UC) Shah Hasan. The practice affected many young girls, depriving them of their right to education and from enjoying other aspects of life. When leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Gaaj learnt about the existing government laws protecting children from such practices, they decided to raise awareness and educate the community members on the consequences of those negative practices and mobilise the community for taking firm steps to control them. However, after putting in their constant efforts, the LSO leaders were able to convince the parents and family members to abstain from practising such unlawful acts. They also informed them that if they wouldn't stop such practices, they would be reported to the local police station through the UC Chairman. The efforts resulted in controlling the practice of forced and early child marriages in the community.



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