

### What are LSOs?







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 Insaf

District <b>Dadu</b> Tehsil: <b>K.N Shah</b>	Union Council  <b>Kandichkhi</b>	Date of Formation  Sep <b>26</b> 2017	Total Households in Union Council  <b>2,872</b>	Organised Households  <b>2,532</b>
Coverage  <b>88%</b>	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  <b>119</b> (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  <b>13</b> (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  <b>24</b> (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members  <b>6</b> (all women)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR <b>4,460,000</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>10,395,000</b> disbursed to <b>236</b> households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>717,000</b> benefited <b>37</b> households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>172</b> people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>59</b> female beneficiaries	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating <b>547</b> female beneficiaries through <b>22</b> learning Centres



 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):  
**08** schemes  
 (All schemes completed)



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

1. Conducted **52 sessions** educating **3,251 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **4,100 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **1,300 children (700 boys and 600 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **3,412 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **750 CNICs, 260 B-forms, 50 Nikkah Namas, 95 death certificates** and **260 Votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,375 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **2,534 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **1,280 women** in the health centres for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Insaf** 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.

## Education for Girls

Girls in the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Insaf were unable to continue their studies due to the unavailability of a favourable enabling environment at schools. The LSO leaders took this issue seriously, arranged a meeting with the Deputy Commissioner (DC) and raised the concern of increasing illiteracy and improper school facilities for girls in their villages. The Deputy Commissioner took notice of the issue and initiated the renovation of the primary school building immediately. Upon their request, two extra classrooms and two washrooms were also constructed. Moreover, the provision of primary middle school for girls was also approved to promote literacy in the LSO. The initiative provided an opportunity for girls to continue their education.



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