

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 Iqra

District Dadu Tehsil: K.N Shah	Union Council  Chor Qambar	Date of Formation  17 2018	Total Households in Union Council  1,803	Organised Households  1,444
Coverage  80%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  69 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  10 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  24 (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 3,885,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 7,498,000 disbursed to 172 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,329,000 benefited 65 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 180 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 44 male beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 7 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 **2,645 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **245 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **2,850 children (1,850 boys and 1,000 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,638 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **4,250 CNICs, 150 B-forms, 260 Nikkah Namas, 340 death certificates** and **735 Vote Registration** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,475 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **1,963 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **490 women** in health centres for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Iqra** 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.

Promoting Girls' Education

People of Local Support Organisation (LSO) Iqra had the least interest in enrolling their children, especially girls in schools because of the missing facilities in the government schools. Major among the missing facilities was the lack of washrooms for girls. Leaders of the LSO took the initiative and requested the Government's Education Department to provide proper washrooms for the girls' schools. After the provision of washrooms at schools, the LSO leaders mobilised the community members to take awareness sessions delivered by the Community Resource Persons (CRPs) which helped them to understand the importance of education and motivated them to enrol their children in schools. As a result of the LSO's efforts, 2,850 children were enrolled in government schools.



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