












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 Jeejal

District Dadu Tehsil: Mehar	Union Council  Syed Pur	Date of Formation  Nov 30 2017	Total Households in Union Council  2,023	Organised Households  1,836
Coverage  91%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  92 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  7 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  23 (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 4,595,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 9,268,000 disbursed to 277 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 6,166,000 benefited 314 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 612 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 74 male and 72 female 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 **52 sessions** educating **2,314 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **1,045 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **1,000 children (600 boys and 400 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,354 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **2,500 CNICs, 150 B-forms, 75 Nikkah Namas, 210 death certificates** and **1,093 Votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,314 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **3,245 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **175 women** in health centres for safe deliveries.

Women leaders of the **LSO Jeejal** 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.

Response to COVID-19

When the Pandemic of COVID-19 hit Pakistan, it caused panic and anxiety among the people. The Government immediately imposed a country-wide lockdown to restrict its fast spread. The main challenge people faced was a lack of access to proper information about the disease and its precautionary measures because of poor communication systems and illiteracy. Leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Jeejal took self-initiatives to raise awareness among the community members. The Community Resource Persons (CRPs) were instructed to conduct awareness sessions after the Village Organisation's (VO's) meetings and educate the community people about COVID-19 and the precautionary measures that need to be taken. On the instruction of the LSO leaders, the CRPs maintained social distancing while conducting the sessions and guided the community members on how to follow the SOPs. This self-initiative has helped the community members in reducing insecurities and helped the government to control the fast spread of this deadly disease.



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