












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 Khushboo

District Jamshoro Tehsil: Jamshoro	Union Council  Manzoorabad	Date of Formation  30 2017	Total Households in Union Council  964	Organised Households  857
Coverage  89%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  55 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  5 (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

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 2,747,800 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 6,840,000 disbursed to 147 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,404,000 benefited 65 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 180 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 23 male and 78 female beneficiaries	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 370 female beneficiaries through 15 learning Centres



 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):
5 schemes
 (All schemes completed)



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

1. Conducted **52 sessions** educating **1,200 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **4,200 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **6,240 children (2,240 boys and 4,000 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **1,500 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **6,230 CNICs, 1,400 B-forms, 3,900 Nikkah Namas, 450 death certificates** and **9,000 Votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,870 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **590 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **3,200 women** in the health centres for safe deliveries
9. Constructed **30 water tanks** with the help of Government
10. Installed **700 water hand pumps** in the UC
11. Constructed **2km linked road** in the UC

Women leaders of the **LSO Khushboo** 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.

Access to Clean Drinking Water

People in the Union Council (UC) Manzoorabad had no access to clean drinking water. They had to walk or travel 3 to 5 Kilometres to fetch water from the only water tank. Only a few had motorbikes who used them to go for bringing water however, it also costed them a lot thus became unaffordable. Troubled with the problem, the poor community members went to the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Khushboo and solicited to resolve their issue. Considering the matter, the LSO leaders arranged a meeting with the Deputy Commissioner (DC) and UC Chairman and requested them to visit the community and witness the problem themselves. Upon their appeal, the DC and UC chairman visited the locale and ensured the provision of water hand pumps to the dwellers and within 2 months, 700 water pumps were installed which benefitted 2,600 households.



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