



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 Kohistan

District Jamshoro Tehsil: Thano Bula Khan	Union Council Thano Ahmed Khan	Date of Formation Oct 31 2017	Total Households in Union Council 979	Organised Households 832
Coverage 85%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 51 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 6 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 22 (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 3,100,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 5,639,000 disbursed to 156 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,567,000 benefited 77 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 170 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 45 male and 21 female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 6 schemes (All Schemes are completed)</p>



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

1. Conducted **42 sessions** educating **885 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **3,500 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **1,300 children (600 boys and 700 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **3,300 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **1,600 CNICs, 600 B-forms, Nikkah Namas, 1,335 death certificates** and **4,000 Votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **50,000 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **20,000 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **2,100 women** in the health centres for safe deliveries
9. Constructed **4 water tanks** with the help of an NGO SAFCO
10. Helped **1,500 people** in receiving **Rs.5,000** from EHAAS Program
11. Distributed **50 fans** by the help of Government

Women leaders of the **LSO Kohistan** 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.

Reopening of Formerly Closed Government School

A Government school in the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Kohistan of the Union Council (UC) Thano Ahmed Khan was closed for one year due to the irresponsibility and unavailability of teachers in the school. Previously, the community members were not giving heed to the issue since they were unaware of the importance of Education and did not show any responsibility in making efforts for reopening the closed school. After taking the Community Awareness Toolkit (CAT) sessions conducted by the Community Resource Persons (CRPs), the community members got to know about their responsibilities and the importance of education. The community members along with Village Organisations (VOs) and Community Organisations (COs) and some influential people went to the District Education Officer's (DEO) office and they briefed about the unprofessional attitude of the school staff. Further, a meeting was held with the Taluka Education Office and a complaint was filed against the teachers. On the order of the Taluka Education Officer, four teachers returned to the school immediately and are now strictly performing their duties. The initiative has saved the children from having further loss in education.



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