



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 Lal Qalandar Shahbaz

District Jamshoro Tehsil: Shewan	Union Council  Bajara	Date of Formation  May 26 2017	Total Households in Union Council  2,218	Organised Households  1,617
Coverage  73%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  101 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  13 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  35 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members  6 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,972,680 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 7,455,000 disbursed to 178 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,714,000 benefited 130 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 550 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 22 male and 10 female beneficiaries	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 249 female beneficiaries through 10 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 **65 sessions** educating **9,000 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **7,500 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **3,000 children (2,200 boys and 800 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **4,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **3,000 CNICs, 3,000 B-forms, 2,000 Nikkah Namas, 1,000 death certificates** and **12,000 Votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **10,000 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **6,000 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **5,000 women** in health centres for safe deliveries
9. Provided stipend worth **Rs.5000** to **12,000 people** through EHSAAS Program
10. Provided **600 sewing machines** to the needy women by the help of the UC Chairman

Women leaders of the **LSO Lal Qalandar Shahbaz** 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.

CNIC Registration through Mobile Van Service

Leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Lal Qalandar Shahbaz have been working proactively on the development of community members and their basic rights. However, through the Community Awareness Toolkit (CAT) sessions delivered by Community Resource Persons (CRPs), the LSO leaders got to know that most of the community members were not registered with NADRA. The CRPs motivated the community members and guided them to the benefits of having a Computerised National Identity Card (CNIC) such as eligibility to cast their vote in National and Provincial Elections or receiving any financial assistance. Leaders of the LSO Lal Qalandar Shahbaz decided to take self-initiative for the registration of the CNICs with NADRA. The LSO leaders went to the nearest NADRA office and requested them to facilitate the community by sending Mobile Vans to the people who were not able to visit the office themselves. NADRA officials arranged a mobile van service and sent it to the Union Council (UC). This service helped in the registration of 3,000 people, out of which 2,000 were women and 1,000 were men.



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