



### 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 Mehran

District <b>Dadu</b> Tehsil: <b>Johi</b>	Union Council <b>Wahi Pandhi</b>	Date of Formation Jan <b>24</b> 2017	Total Households in Union Council <b>4,286</b>	Organised Households <b>3,401</b>
Coverage <b>79%</b>	Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>172</b> (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>14</b> (all women's)	Number of General Body Members <b>25</b> (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members <b>6</b> (all women)

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR <b>5,500,000</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>4,828,000</b> disbursed to <b>199</b> households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>9,766,000</b> benefited <b>467</b> households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>1,122</b> people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>13</b> male and <b>13</b> female beneficiaries	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating <b>623</b> female beneficiaries through <b>25</b> learning Centres



 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):  
**12** schemes  
 (All schemes completed)



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

1. Conducted **60 sessions** educating **2,986 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **850 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **5,620 children (3,490 boys and 2,130 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,513 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **1,050 CNICs, 130 B-forms, 50 Nikkah Namas 490 death certificates** and **5,000 Votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **8,930 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **2,859 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **1,432 women** in the health centres for safe deliveries

*Women leaders of the **LSO Mehran** 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.*

## Enabling Access to Maternity Homes

Due to the tradition of handling birth deliveries by the untrained daaees, there was no practice of regular check-ups and getting the service of qualified medical staff for deliveries in the Union Councils (UC). This aggravated the health of mothers and babies and even resulted in deaths in extreme cases. Leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Mehran realised the seriousness of this issue and decided to conduct health sessions especially focusing on maternal and child healthcare. Along with the awareness sessions, the LSO president accompanied pregnant women to the nearby health care centers/maternity homes and supported them in their safe deliveries.



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