










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 Jamshoro Tehsil: Thano Bula Khan	Union Council  Mole	Date of Formation  April 30 2018	Total Households in Union Council  2,707	Organised Households  2,247
Coverage  83%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  125 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  16 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  32 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members  6 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 5,490,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 4,010,000 disbursed to 172 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,720,000 benefited 86 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 769 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 11 male and 131 female beneficiaries	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 25 female beneficiaries through 01 learning Centres



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



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

1. Conducted **60 sessions** educating **10,000 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **7,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **2,500 children (1,550 boys and 950 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **9,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **1,800 CNICs, 600 B-forms, 500 Nikkah Namas, 350 death certificates** and **12,000 votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **20,000 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **1,000 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **1,200 women** in the health centres for safe deliveries.
9. Constructed **300km linked road** in the UC.
10. Provided stipend worth **RS.5,000** to **1,800 people** from EHSAS Program.
11. Arranged transformers for **12 villages** through the help of the UC chairman.

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.

Support From the Local Government

With the support of the local Government, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Mehran could help the needy women of the community. They distributed 80 sewing machines to the women, provided by the Chairman Union Council (UC). Those women were then able to start a small business by stitching clothes at their homes and started earning. Moreover, the LSO leaders distributed 800 ration bags among the needy people of the LSO who could not afford to meet the basic needs of their families during COVID-19 with the help of the local Government. These initiatives have relieved the poor community during their struggles for livelihood.



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