

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 Poracho

District Dadu Tehsil: Mehar	Union Council  Poracho	Date of Formation  April 25 2018	Total Households in Union Council  1,820	Organised Households  1,370
Coverage  75%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  73 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  7 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  27 (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 5,176,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 5,622,000 disbursed to 215 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,257,000 benefited 116 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 282 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 50 male and 26 male beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 06 schemes (All Schemes are completed)</p>



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

1. Conducted **52 sessions** educating **2,345 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **2,700 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **3,100 children (1,900 boys and 1,200 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,650 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **2,970 CNICs, 390 B-forms, 460 Nikkah Namas, 320 death certificates** and **2,915 Votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,938 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **2,684 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **2,200 women** at the health centres for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Poracho** 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.

Tree Plantation Drive

Leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) came forward to join hands with the Government of Sindh for the tree plantation campaign. They were able to mobilise many community members for contributing and participating in the campaign. The motivation and proactiveness offered by the people of the LSO were the result of the Community Awareness Toolkit (CAT) sessions where the Community Resource Persons (CRPs) informed them about the importance and benefits of tree plantation. The community members requested the LSO leaders to provide plant samplings which they could plant in different areas of the Union Council (UC). The LSO leaders then approached the Government's Forest Department for the provision of rooted trees. After receiving the plant samplings from the Forest Department, the LSO leaders distributed them among the members of Community Organisations (COs) through Village Organisations (VOs). Through this initiative of mobilisation, the LSO leaders succeeded in planting 2,700 trees in different villages of the Union Council.



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