



### 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 Roshan

District <b>Dadu</b> Tehsil: <b>Mehar</b>	Union Council  <b>Gahi Mahessar</b>	Date of Formation  <b>11</b> 2018	Total Households in Union Council  <b>1,653</b>	Organised Households  <b>881</b>
Coverage  <b>53%</b>	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  <b>45</b> (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  <b>6</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>3,575,498</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>5,742,000</b> disbursed to <b>118</b> households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>744,000</b> benefited <b>36</b> households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>169</b> people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>7</b> male and <b>13</b> female beneficiaries	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating <b>336</b> female beneficiaries through <b>13</b> learning Centres
 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): <b>5</b> schemes (All schemes completed)	



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

1. Conducted **52 sessions** educating **2,534 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **4,364 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **2,045 children (1,045 boys and 1,000 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,367 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **1,430 CNICs, 517 B-forms, 211 Nikkah Namas, 590 death certificates** and **953 Votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated 2,536 animals with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **2,341 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **1,352 women** in the health centres for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Roshan** 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 During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Many people in the Union Council (UC) Gahi Mahessar became jobless due to the countrywide lockdown imposed by the Government and could not afford the bread and butter for their families, since they had no other means of income. Moreover, the outbreak of COVID-19 was not taken seriously, and people underestimated the threats posed by the deadly virus. The women leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Roshan took self-initiatives to raise awareness among the community members by engaging the Community Resource Persons (CRPs) to deliver awareness sessions during the Community Organisation's (CO's) meetings by strictly following the SOPs during the sessions. However, the leaders also put efforts into the survival of the community people and were able to collect 200 blankets, 320 ration bags, and 1,237 soaps from non-governmental organisations and distributed them among the households in the UC.



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