












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 Roshni

District Dadu Tehsil: K.N Shah	Union Council  Gojo	Date of Formation  30 2017	Total Households in Union Council  3,572	Organised Households  2,775
Coverage  78%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  149 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  19 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  38 (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 7,410,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 13,397,000 disbursed to 360 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,301,000 benefited 112 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 347 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 79 male and 147 female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 12 schemes (All Schemes are completed)</p>



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

1. Conducted **60 sessions** educating **2,847 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **2,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **7,000 children (4,000 boys and 3,000 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **7,846 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **3,000 CNICs, 50 B-forms, 200 Nikkah Namas, 590 death certificates** and **6,500 Votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **9,836 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **1,967 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **115 women** in the health centres for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Naeen Gaj** 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. 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.

Awareness Raising about Preventive Measures of COVID-19

Social media has both impacts, positive and negative. Therefore, one must choose his/her direction smartly. The ease of sharing has boosted accessibility to information, but it has also brought in the spread of fake news, especially among rural dwellers. The women leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Roshni decided to disseminate awareness about COVID-19 in collaboration with its members of Village Organisations (VOs) and Community Organisations (COs) along with the concerned Government departments. The awareness sessions included preventive measures such as avoiding crowds, using face masks, washing hands properly and avoiding physical contact. They were also able to educate the community members on the advantage of getting a vaccination and made clear all their doubts and insecurities about the negative or false information which was circulating. This initiative has helped the community to come forward and get vaccination against COVID-19 by overthrowing the myths and stereotypes about it.



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