

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 Sambara

District Dadu Tehsil: Mehar	Union Council  Qazi Arif	Date of Formation  Sep 14 2018	Total Households in Union Council  2,870	Organised Households  1,733
Coverage  60%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  96 <small>(all women's)</small>	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  13 <small>(all women's)</small>	Number of General Body Members  25 <small>(all women)</small>	Number of Executive Committee Members  6 <small>(all women)</small>

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 5,464,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 5,528,000 disbursed to 158 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,379,000 benefited 115 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 320 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 17 male and 18 female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 11 schemes (All Schemes are completed)</p>



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

1. Conducted **53 sessions** educating **2,341 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **8,000 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 **2,546 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **3,000 CNICs, 20 B-forms, 200 Nikkah Namas, 450 death certificates** and **6,500 Votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,354 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **2,745 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **460 women** in the health centres for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Sambara** 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.

Livestock Vaccination

Livestock is an important productive asset of the people in rural areas since they provide milk, manure, wool, and meat. Many of the dwellers have livestock as the only source of livelihood, therefore they need special care and immunisation vaccination for staying healthy to keep on providing benefits. However, many of the poor households in the Union Council (UC) Qazi Arif had lost their livestock for not being able to get them vaccinated. Considering the gravity of the issue, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Sambara facilitated the vaccination of 2,354 animals in the UC with the help of the Government. On the ground level, the community institutes supported the Livestock Department teams in the Vaccination drive. The vaccination teams visited different villages in the UC and vaccinated all the animals at the doorsteps of community members. The initiative taken by the LSO leaders saved the economic loss of many families.



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