



### 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 Sawera

<p>District <b>Jamshoro</b></p> <p>Tehsil: <b>Sehwan</b></p>	<p>Union Council <b>Bhambha</b></p>	<p>Date of Formation April <b>27</b> 2017</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council <b>2,256</b></p>	<p>Organised Households <b>1,319</b></p>
<p>Coverage <b>58%</b></p>	<p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) <b>91</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) <b>8</b> (all women's)</p>	<p>Number of General Body Members <b>28</b> (all women)</p>	<p>Number of Executive Committee Members <b>6</b> (all women)</p>

### Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

<p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR <b>4,484,000</b> Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR <b>6,510,000</b> disbursed to <b>147</b> households</p>
<p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR <b>464,000</b> benefited <b>22</b> households</p>	<p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting <b>114</b> people/population covered</p>
<p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited <b>17</b> male and <b>130</b> female beneficiaries</p>	<p>Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating <b>250</b> female beneficiaries through <b>10</b> learning Centres</p>

Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):  
**6** schemes  
(All schemes completed)



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

1. Conducted **65 sessions** educating **12,000 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **12,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **2,000 children (1,400 boys and 600 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **1,900 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **1,200 CNICs, 700 B-forms, 1,000 Nikkah Namas, 750 death certificates** and **10,000 Votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **1,000 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 **900 women** in the health centres for safe deliveries.
9. Distributed stipend worth **Rs. 5000** to **169 people** from EHSAAS Program
10. Provided **1,200 solar plates** to the people by the help of Government

Women leaders of the **LSO Sawera** 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.

## Supporting the Family of a Cancer Patient

A very poor family in the Union Council (UC) Bhambha was unable to afford the medical expenses of one of the family members who was suffering from cancer. They had no means and ways out since they have links with only limited people. When leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) got to know about it from one of the members of the Village Organisation (VO), they decided to help the family in managing the medical expenses. The LSO leaders along with the members of Community Organisations (COs) and Vos, collected donations from the community members and from some influential people of the UC. They gave all the collected donations to the poor family and facilitated them in reaching the hospital as well.



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