

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 Shah Panjo Sultan

District Dadu Tehsil: Mehar	Union Council  Shah Panjo	Date of Formation  May 24 2018	Total Households in Union Council  2,585	Organised Households  2,090
Coverage  81%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  111 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  10 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  26 (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 5,270,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 5,105,000 disbursed to 153 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 3,630,000 benefited 181 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 318 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 81 male and 19 female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 8 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 **3,524 individuals** on
2. Planted **1,232 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **630 children (330 boys and 300 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,645 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **187 CNICs, 15 B-forms, 10 Nikkah Namas, 50 death certificates** and **2,365 Votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,365 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **2,356 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **644 women** in health centres for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Shah Panjo Sultan** 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.

Education for Girls

Like other Union Councils (UCs) of Sindh, the lack of awareness about education and the collapsing school building in the UC Shah Panjo had kept the children out of school for a long time. Taking note of the issue, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Shah Panjo Sultan arranged a meeting with Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mehar and highlighted the concern about the rising rate of illiteracy and improper school facilities in their UC. Deputy Commissioner took notice of this issue and initiated the re-construction work of the primary school building immediately. The initiative brought hope to the children, especially girls who wanted to continue their education.



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