

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 Sojhro

District Dadu Tehsil: Mehar	Union Council Sojhiro Gorarr	Date of Formation Aug 30 2017	Total Households in Union Council 2,282	Organised Households 1,878
Coverage 82%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 105 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 11 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 18 (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 5,130,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 11,821,000 disbursed to 308 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,673,000 benefited 141 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 333 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 61 male and 41 female beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 10 schemes (All Schemes are completed)</p>



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

1. Conducted **51 sessions** educating **2,852 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **8,750 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **225 children (125 boys and 100 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,431 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **1,080 CNICs, 10 B-forms, 90 Nikkah Namas, 140 death certificates** and **2,946 Votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,645 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **2,431 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **1,045 women** in the health centres for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Sojhiro** 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.

Enrolment of Children in Schools

Due to the lack of awareness about education and the prevalence of patriarchal norms in the rural areas of Sindh many parents were against girls' education. In the Union Council (UC) Sojhiro Gorarr, the men in certain families did not allow their girls to enrol in schools. Consequently, all the women members of those families remain illiterate. The issue was raised in the Community Organisation's (CO's) meeting and the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Sojhiro decided to visit those families to motivate their men for sending their daughters to school. However, the LSO Leaders visited the families and motivated the parents and were able to enrol 100 girls into schools.



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