

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 Zindagi

District Dadu Tehsil: Johi	Union Council  Sawro	Date of Formation  28 2018	Total Households in Union Council  3,432	Organised Households  2,413
Coverage  70%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  107 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  12 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  24 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members  6 (all women)


Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of
 PKR **5,500,000**
 Initial sub-grant as CIF




Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of
 PKR **6,403,000** disbursed to
223 households



Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of
 PKR **5,352,000** benefited
255 households



Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided
 benefitting **738** people/population covered



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):
12 schemes
 (All Schemes are completed)



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

1. Conducted **60 sessions** educating **2,490 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **4,590 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **41,033 children (37,833 boys and 3,200 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **1,556 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **7,100 CNICs, 375 B-forms, 237 Nikkah Namas, 486 death certificates** and **2,365 Votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **4,980 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **3,990 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **1,141 women** in the health centres for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Zindagi** 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 Initiatives

Literacy rate and enrolment ratio in schools were reasonably low in the Union Council (UC) Sawro of rural Sindh. People were not giving much importance to education as education was a secondary thing to them. However, to change the mindset of the people, promote education and improve the enrolment ratio in the schools, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Zindagi sought the support of the Government's Education Department. The leaders engaged Village Organisations (VOs), Community Organisations (COs) and Community Resource Persons (CRPs) in mobilising the community to educate their children. However, with the hard work of the LSO leaders, and the support of the education department 41,033 children have been enrolled in the schools of the UC.



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