



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 Muhammad Ramzan Uner

District Matiari Tehsil: Saeedabad	Union Council Muhammad Ramzan Uner	Date of Formation Jan 29 2017	Total Households in Union Council 1,912	Organised Households 1,354
Coverage 71%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 68 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 5 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 14 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members 15 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,000,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 7,072,000 disbursed to 250 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 364,000 benefited 30 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 13,938 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 30 female beneficiaries	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 33 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres



 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):
5 schemes
 (4 schemes completed and 1 is ongoing)



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

1. Planted **1,240 trees** in different villages of the UC
2. Enrolled **3,594 children** in schools
3. Facilitated the vaccination of **1,105 individuals** against COVID-19
4. Registered **251 CNICs, 1,120 B-forms and 301 Nikkah Namas** in the Union Council
5. Vaccinated **530 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Muhammad Ramzan Uner** are planning and implementing development activities both on a self-help basis as well as in collaboration with government agencies. The EU-funded SUCCESS program is empowering rural women in Sindh by realizing the power they gain from collective action. The organized women are gaining awareness about their rights, making the service providers accountable, and are also taking self-initiative to improve their lives.

Upgrading Community Infrastructure

Selling dairy products was a common source of earning in the Union council (UC) Muhammad Ramzan Uner. However, due to improper and slippery pathways, the community members would frequently slip and fall while bringing their dairy products to a designated point of collection. Resulting in the wastage of their dairy products. Weary of this issue, the community members stressed the need for proper pathways in the Local Support Organisation's (LSO) monthly meeting and requested the LSO leaders to help them out. Subsequently, the LSO leaders sent an application to the UC Chairman requesting the pavement of cemented road in the UC, which was approved within one-month time and later constructed within a week. Now the vehicles can easily reach the community doorsteps to collect dairy products. Whereas the water also does not remain stagnant during the monsoon seasons.



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