



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 Old Saeedabad

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| <p>District Matiari</p> <p>Tehsil: Saeedabad</p> | <p>Union Council Old Saeedabad</p> | <p>Date of Formation Dec 23 2017</p> | <p>Total Households in Union Council 2,304</p> | <p>Organised Households 1,876</p> |
| <p>Coverage 82%</p> | <p>Number of Community Organisations (COs) 82 (all women's)</p> | <p>Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 7 (all women's)</p> | <p>Number of General Body Members 13 (all women)</p> | <p>Number of Executive Committee Members 15 (all women)</p> |

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 **12,078,000** disbursed to
455 households

Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of
PKR **2,112,600** benefited
140 households

Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided
benefitting **284** people/population covered

Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS)
educating **64** female beneficiaries through
04 learning Centres

Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):
06 schemes
(4 schemes completed and 2 are ongoing)



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

1. Planted **680 trees** in different villages of the UC
2. Enrolled **2,388 children** in schools
3. Facilitated the vaccination of **450 individuals** against COVID-19
4. Registered **3,650 CNICs** and **1,200 Nikkah Namas** in the Union Council
5. Vaccinated **300 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Old Saeedabad** 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.

Repairing and Maintaining Community Infrastructure

The long-installed water hand pumps in Union Council (UC) Old Saeedabad were wearing out and few had stopped working. This resulted in insufficient water availability and consequences like poor hygiene and the spread of water-borne diseases due to dependence on contaminated water sources. Therefore, to repair these water hand pumps, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Old Saeedabad held a community meeting with all the community influential persons. After explaining to them the water scarcity issue, two individuals decided to help the community by repairing all the water hand pumps. Through their help, the LSO leaders were able to get all the hand pumps in the UC repaired within one month. This initiative resulted in access to clean water in the UC, once again. Whereas to ensure durability, the villagers now voluntarily maintain water hand pumps on a regular basis.



Water Hand Pump Repaired by Two Community Influential Persons in the UC Old Saeedabad



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