

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 Rawat Laghari

District Tando Allahyar Tehsil: Chamber	Union Council Rawat Laghari	Date of Formation Jan 20 2017	Total Households in Union Council 3,486	Organised Households 2,444
Coverage 70%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 104 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 10 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 16 (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 19,691,000 disbursed to 595 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 19,166,000 benefited 160 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 22,122 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 100 female beneficiaries	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 187 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres



 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):
8 schemes
 (6 schemes completed and 2 are ongoing)



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

1. Planted **4,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
2. Enrolled **975 children** in schools
3. Facilitated the vaccination of **4,000 individuals** against COVID-19
4. Registered **2,253 CNICs, 870 B-forms, 460 Nikkah Namas,** and **635 death certificates** in the Union Council
5. Vaccinated **975 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
6. Treated **200 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Rawat Laghari** 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.

Provision of Basic Health Facilities

Access to better health opportunities such as basic health units and the availability of clinical or medical staff is the prime need of every individual. In the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Rawat Laghari District Tando Allahyar, the hospital lacked a doctor and other paramedical staff. People who could afford travel expenses used to go to other Union Councils (UCs) for check-ups and other medical purposes and those who could not afford had no choice except to stay home and rely on home remedies. However, this major issue was highlighted by the LSO leaders in meetings with Government Officials. They linked with the District Health Department and requested the appointment of medical staff and doctors in the hospital. Considering the need of the people, the government officials approved their request and appointed doctors and other medical staff in the hospital at LSO Rawat Laghari. This was a great favour to the community people as they no longer have to rely on self-medication.



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