

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 Shahpur

District Matiari Tehsil: Matiari	Union Council Shahpur	Date of Formation April 18 2018	Total Households in Union Council 2,814	Organised Households 2,259
Coverage 80%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 119 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 9 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 13 (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 10,828,000 disbursed to 364 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,839,000 benefited 131 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 343 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 29 male and 80 female beneficiaries	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 200 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres



 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):
07 schemes
 (04 Schemes completed and 03 are ongoing)



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

1. Planted **410 trees** in different villages of the UC
2. Enrolled **1,393 children (626 boys and 767 girls)** in school
3. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,433 individuals** against COVID-19
4. Registered **1,978 CNICs, 246 B-forms, 33 Nikkah Namas,** and **200 death certificates** in the Union Council
5. Vaccinated **1,100 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
6. Treated **146 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department

*Women leaders of the **LSO Shahpur** 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.*

Aiding and Abetting of the Widows

During the pandemic of COVID-19, many people in rural areas were left with a shortage of food and other amenities since they had lost their sources of income. Similarly, some widows had no means to meet their ends and were in dire need of aid. Initially, they had started making facemasks and stitching clothes to meet the needs of their children however, it did not turn out to become a sustainable source of income. However, leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Shahpur put their efforts to help these women. The LSO leaders and other committee members reached out to the Junaid Jamshed Foundation (JJF) a Non-Government Organisation, which is a charitable foundation working for poor communities and discussed their appeal. The JJF in response provided money and ration to the identified widows. From the grants, these women were able to have a sustainable source of generating income such as buying livestock or opening a utility shop etc.



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