

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 Sher Muhammad Thorha

District Matiari Tehsil: Matiari	Union Council Sher Muhammad Thorha @ Khyber	Date of Formation Jan 30 2017	Total Households in Union Council 2,280	Organised Households 1,465
Coverage 64%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 77 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 6 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members 18 (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 7,406,000 disbursed to 184 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 997,000 benefited 76 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 16,380 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 9 male beneficiaries	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 29 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres



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



Women leaders of the **LSO Sher Muhammad Thorha** 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.

Road Construction

The main road in the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Sher Muhammad Thorha was completely damaged because of being used by more than one thousand households for many years. The poorly maintained and patchy road was causing several challenges for the dwellers of the whole Union Council (UC). Especially in the rainy season, the patches on the road used to be filled with rainwater resulting in further risks of accidents and the stagnant water for many days would attract mosquitos and then result in outbreaks. The issue was getting worst with each passing day and before it would cause any serious irreparable incidents, leaders of the LSO went to the Chairman Union Council and appealed for the reconstruction of the road. The much-needed renovation of the massively used road was started after the approval of the UC Chairman and completed within six months. Dwellers of the LSO can now walk or travel on the cemented road easily and contentedly.



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