



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 Zair Pir

District Matiari Tehsil: Saeedabad	Union Council Zair Pir	Date of Formation Oct 30 2016	Total Households in Union Council 2,052	Organised Households 1,586
Coverage 77%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 76 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 8 (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 10,707,000 disbursed to 390 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,045,000 benefited 77 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 14,059 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 4 male beneficiaries	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 45 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres



 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):
8 schemes
 (3 schemes completed and 5 are ongoing)



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

1. Planted **1,128 trees** in different villages of the UC
2. Enrolled **1,655 children** in schools
3. Facilitated the vaccination of **800 individuals** against COVID-19
4. Registered **3,144 CNICs** and **500 Nikkah Namas** in the Union Council
5. Vaccinated **880 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department

Women leaders of the **LSO Zair Pir** 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.

Improving Living Standards Through Electricity Supply

The lack of electricity was affecting the education of the children and youth in the Union Council (UC) Zair Pir. Unable to power lightbulbs, they could not study properly at night. Worried about their children's future the parents from the UC highlighted this issue in the Local Support Organisation's (LSO) monthly meetings (RSPN) and appealed to the LSO leaders for their help. In response, the LSO leaders sent an application to the UC chairman requesting the provision of solar panels, plates and batteries to the needy community in the UC. Soon the UC chairman agreed and provided the LSO leaders with 40 solar panels, which were installed shortly after. As of now, the youth not only study at night but the villagers are also able to power fans through sustainable energy sources.



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