










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 Aagaz

District Larkana Tehsil: Bakrani	Union Council  Pathan	Date of Formation  Aug 30 2017	Total Households in Union Council  2,645	Organised Households  1,914
Coverage  72%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  94 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  17 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  34 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members  07 (all women)

(LSO Profiles up to 31 July 2021)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 5,581,660 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 17,401,000 disbursed to 458 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 2,394,000 benefited 158 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided to 259 households benefitting 19 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 01 male and 31 female beneficiaries	 Enterprise Development Supporting 27 female beneficiaries through the formation of 03 Business Development Group (BDGs)



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI):
9 schemes
(All schemes completed)



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

1. Conducted **268 sessions** educating **individuals 4,270** on COVID-19 awareness, family planning, and hygiene and cleanliness
2. Planted **17,000 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **5,000 children** (3,000 boys and 2,000 girls) in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **18,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **2,000 CNICs, 1,000 B-forms, 300 Nikkah Namas,** and **100 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **15,000 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **1,500 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of the Government Health Department
8. Provided stipend worth **PKR 12,000 to 1,500 houses** through Benazir Income Support EHSAAAS program
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Women leaders of **LSO Aagaz** 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 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-initiative to improve their lives.

Protection Against Summer Heat

Heatwave, that is declared when the temperature rises above 40 degrees Celsius, is considered an average weather during summers in Sindh. Prolonged exposure to the unbearable sun causes body to overheat, which results in a fatal condition known as “heatstroke”. It is particularly common among individuals living in Union Council Pathan, as they work in the fields during the day and are unable to rest in fans due to lack of electricity supply upon returning home. To avoid more individuals getting affected due to the hot weather, the leaders of Local Support Organisation (LSO) Aagaz came together and set up a meeting with the Chairman of UC Pathan. They explained the seriousness of the issue concerning health of the community members and were able to convince the UC chairman for assistance, who provided 30 solar panels and 30 fans to the LSO. Now the dwellers feel quite at ease and look forward to returning home from work to rest well and safely.



Local Support Organisation Aagaz Member with a Fan Provided by the UC Chairman



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