











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 Jakhorh

District Kambar Shahdadkot Tehsil: Shahdadkot	Union Council Jamali	Date of Formation  16 2017	Total Households in Union Council  3,302	Organised Households  2,331
Coverage  70%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  129 <small>(all women's)</small>	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  16 <small>(all women's)</small>	Number of General Body Members  32 <small>(all women)</small>	Number of Executive Committee Members  7 <small>(all women)</small>

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 8,329,860 Initial sub-grant as CIF	 Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 21,048,198 disbursed to 1,317 households
 Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 3,384,880 benefited 228 households	 Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 617 people/population covered
 Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 03 male and 65 female beneficiaries	 Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 15 schemes (All schemes completed)
 Enterprise Development Supporting 15 female beneficiaries through the formation of 01 Business Development Group (BDGs)	 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educates 60 female beneficiaries through 03 learning Centres



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

1. Conducted **158 sessions** educating **2,450 individuals** on COVID-19, family Planning and cleanliness
2. Planted **15,000 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 **14,000 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **3,550 CNICs, 500 B-forms, 250 Nikkah Namas,** and **10 death certificates** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **2,500 animals** with the help of the Livestock Department
7. Treated **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 **800 households** by the help of Benazir Income Support Programme

Women leaders of **LSO Jakhorh** 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.

Facilitating Women in Earning Better

Many women from Union Council (UC) Jamali had received Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) on stitching clothes. However, due to the generally low socio-economic status in the UC, these women were unable to afford sewing machines to initiate their stitching businesses. To assist these women, the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Jakhorh kept on highlighting this issue in all their meetings with influential people. Through this exercise, the LSO leaders were able to convince a philanthropist in distributing sewing machines to deserving women. The LSO leaders surveyed the UC, made a list of women in need of sewing machines, and presented it to the philanthropist. When the philanthropist visited the UC and observed the determination of the women to earn better, he provided 30 sewing machines to these trained women. These women now stitch clothes and sell them at a good price. Through it, they are now able to earn better and contribute to their household expenses.



Sewing Machine Provided by a Philanthropist to a Woman of UC Jamali



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