




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 Naeen Gaj

District Dadu Tehsil: Johi	Union Council  Torre	Date of Formation  Aug 28 2018	Total Households in Union Council  2,890	Organised Households  2,646
Coverage  92%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  107 <small>(all women's)</small>	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  16 <small>(all women's)</small>	Number of General Body Members  31 <small>(all women)</small>	Number of Executive Committee Members  6 <small>(all women)</small>

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 5,500,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 3,340,000 disbursed to 144 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 10,728,000 benefited 526 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 1,219 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Technical and Vocational Skills Training (TVST) benefited 31 male and 79 male beneficiaries</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 12 schemes (All Schemes are completed)</p>



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

1. Conducted **52 sessions** educating **2,746 individuals** on various health and educational topics
2. Planted **2,546 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **3,500 children (2,000 boys and 1,500 girls)** in school
4. Facilitated the vaccination of **3,712 individuals** against COVID-19
5. Registered **2,413 CNICs, 450 B-forms, 550 Nikkah Namas, 390 death certificates and 2,734 Votes** in the Union Council
6. Vaccinated **3,271 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
7. Treated **3,261 patients** for free through a medical health camp with the help of Government Health Department
8. Facilitated **1,500 women** in the health centres for safe deliveries

Women leaders of the **LSO Naeen Gaj** 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. 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.

Improving Nutrition by Promoting Kitchen Gardening

Nutrition deficiency is very common in the rural population of the country. The main cause of nutrition deficiency is the consumption of low-quality vegetables due to the increasing prices. Kitchen Gardening is a very budget-friendly solution for nutrition deficiency in low socio-economic settings. Green vegetables contain a high level of vitamins C which can improve our health. However, the leaders of the Local Support Organisation (LSO) Naeen Gaj motivated the community members for Kitchen Gardening by highlighting the low cost and significance of green vegetables. They helped them get quality vegetable seeds and other required stuff. This initiative has not only boosted these women and their family's immunity and nutrition levels, but it also helped them earn some income as some of them use to sell vegetables.



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