

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 Bakh

District Jamshoro Tehsil: Sehwan	Union Council  Wahur	Date of Formation  27 2017	Total Households in Union Council  2,639	Organised Households  2,400
Coverage  70%	Number of Community Organisations (COs)  12 (all women's)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)  144 (all women's)	Number of General Body Members  23 (all women)	Number of Executive Committee Members  6 (all women)

Activities implemented through the EU funded SUCCESS Programme

 <p>LSO managing CIF Amount of PKR 4,000,000 Initial sub-grant as CIF</p>	 <p>Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 9,469,168 disbursed to 486 households</p>
 <p>Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,283,000 benefited 167 households</p>	 <p>Micro Health Insurance (MHI) provided benefitting 17,915 people/population covered</p>
 <p>Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 185 female beneficiaries through 04 learning Centres</p>	 <p>Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI): 8 schemes (All Schemes are completed)</p>



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

1. Planted **2,414 trees** in different villages of the UC
2. Enrolled **2,414 children** in schools
3. Facilitated the vaccination of **2,500 individuals** against COVID-19
4. Registered **7,604 CNICs, 1,154 B-forms** and **1,021 Nikkah Namas** in the Union Council
5. Vaccinated **700 animals** with the help of Livestock Department.

Women leaders of the **LSO Bakh** 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.

Provision of Sewing Machines

Women in rural Sindh tend to learn stitching skills within the community. This reduces the cost of stitching their own clothes and establishes a reliable source of income. However, in Union Council (UC) Wahur, a sizable number of trained women could not afford to buy a sewing machine. This issue was raised in Community Organisation (CO) and Village Organisation (VO) meetings and was brought into the notice of the Local Support Organisation (LSO). The LSO leaders discussed the matter with the UC Chairman and asked for his support. The UC Chairman provided 160 sewing machines to the LSO on the condition that they distribute it amongst the poorest women. The LSO identified such women using their local knowledge and distributed the sewing machines within the community. They provided a signed affidavit and copies of Computerised National Identity Cards (CNICs) of the recipient women to the UC Office.



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