Request for Proposal for Participatory Action Research on
‘Poverty Dynamics in Balochistan’

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BALOCHISTAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME
[2017 – 2022]
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Participatory Action Research Study on Poverty Dynamics in Balochistan

Balochistan Rural Development and Community Empowerment Programme

1. Background and Introduction

The Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) serves as a strategic platform for 11 member Rural Support Programmes (RSPs) listed in Annex I, bringing together over 35 years of knowledge in Community-Driven Development (CDD). RSPN is the largest development network of Pakistan. Its outreach through the member RSPs is now over 6.8 million rural households, in 124 out of 135 districts of Pakistan including Gilgit-Baltistan (GB), Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK) and 8 out of 13 Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) and Frontier Regions (FRs). For more information visit www.rspn.org.

The European Union funded Balochistan Rural Development and Community Empowerment Programme (BRDCEP) (2017-2022) aims to support the Government of Balochistan in reducing the negative impact of economic deprivation, poverty and social inequality, environmental degradation and climate change, and to turn this into opportunities to build and empower resilient communities participating actively in identifying and implementing socio-economic development activities on a sustainable basis in partnership with local authorities. The Programme intervenes both on the "demand" and "supply" sides of the service delivery equation through following two specific objectives:

1. To empower citizens and communities and provide them with means enabling them to implement community-driven socio-economic development interventions, an increased voice and capability to influence public policy decision making through active engagement with local authorities for quality, inclusive, and equitable service delivery, and civic-oversight.

2. To foster an enabling environment for strengthening the capacities of local authorities to manage and involve communities in the statutory processes of the local public sector planning, financing and implementation process.

The Programme is being implemented in close collaboration with Local Government and Rural Development Department, Government of Balochistan. It is expected the poor targeted household would see an improvement of 25% in their income. The Programme purpose is to stimulate community-driven local policy and development initiatives to reduce poverty in nine targeted districts of Balochistan, including; Kech, Pishin, Zhob, Washuk, Loralai, Duki, Khuzdar, Jhal Magsi and Killa Abdullah. Key indicators contributing to the overall objectives are an increased level of satisfaction of the poor and vulnerable population in accessing social services, 40% of the households graduate from the lowest (0-11) to upper PSC band levels, a community led policy framework and policy changes due to community advocacy, enhanced participation in decision-making in community and local government institutions, and

1 The ToRs of the study would jointly be finalized with the selected researcher/firm before signing of the contract.
increased participation of communities in planning and managing public sector resources and
decision-making at local levels.

Simultaneously, the Programme aims to support communities as well as provincial and local
authorities to partner for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of front line public service
delivery, so that opportunities for rural livelihoods in the targeted districts are improved. This
aim will be achieved through: (1) Establishment and further strengthening of an inclusive,
representative system of community mobilisation that federates villages at the level of UCs
(Union Councils) enabling them to engage with local authorities, exercise civic-oversight and
social-accountability; and (2) Rehabilitation, expansion and maintenance of community social
and productive assets and infrastructure which (a) support initiatives to improve labour
participation (including women); (b) improve sustainable resource use, and (c) limit the impact
of environmental degradation and climate change; (3) Development and implementation of a
community-led rural development policy framework and improved government systems to
interface with and support community-led interventions that enhance local service delivery and
economic development and which, over the short to medium term, results in increased fiscal
space that is gradually taken up and maintained by Government in future budget allocations
through a Sector-wide Approach; (4) Public Finance Management reform to improve the
efficiency with which provincial government’s budgets are used to increase the quantity/quality
of front line public service delivery; (5) Enhancement of the technical and institutional
capacities of local authorities to support communities more effectively/efficiently in the
implementation and maintenance of development investments, as well as make the front line
delivery of quality public services. Grant component of the Programme is being implemented
by RSPN, BRSP and NRSP and will contribute in attaining the above-mentioned specific
objective 1, while Human Dynamics (HD) and Oxford Policy Management (OPM) will
technically support the Government of Balochistan (GoB) and grant partners through attaining
objective 2. The role of each implementing partner is given at Annex II. Summary of the
Programme objectives and expected results are given at Annex III.

Poverty is the main issue in Balochistan and analysis of poverty dynamics in Balochistan is at
the core of BRDCEP’s design and strategies to reduce poverty through Community Driven
Development approach. Poverty dynamics would examine the flow in both directions which is
essential for calculating the risk of falling into poverty in any community and the probability
that some currently poor individual will escape poverty in years to come. RSPN would like to
commission a participatory action research study to a service provider (researcher,
research/academic institute, research consulting firm etc.) to study various poverty dynamics
in the Programme districts. The study should provide policy recommendations for change in
public policies for poverty reduction and practical recommendations for improvements in the
implementation of BRDCEP.

2. BRDCEP Approach to Rural Development and Poverty Discourse

BRDCEP aims to empower citizens and communities and provide them with means to
influence and implement community-driven socio-economic development, with an increased
voice and capacity to influence public policy decision making through active engagement with
local authorities. Simultaneously, the Programme aims to foster an enabling environment to
strengthen the capacity of local authorities/governments and to involve the communities in the
development of statutory processes which includes local public sector planning, financing and implementation of public sector services. By empowering the communities and developing the capacity of local authorities/governments, the BRDCEP aims to promote inclusive, equitable and quality service delivery with civic oversight.

For the communities to come together and work with the Government, they first need to be organised as fundamental development stakeholders at the grassroots level in their respective geographic areas. The work and role of the Rural Support Programmes (RSPs) is integral in enabling and supporting this process. The centre-piece of the RSP approach to Community Driven Development (CDD) is its unique social mobilisation strategy which aims to build people’s own institutions, for an interface with the government. This is an intensive, integrated and tested approach, since 1982. This strategy is based on the strong belief and experience of the RSPs that without involving communities in their own development, ‘poverty’ cannot be reduced. Hence, to involve the community, the Social Pillar (CO/VO/LSOs\(^2\)) needs to be first created. This Social Pillar will work in conjunction with the Administrative and Political Pillars of the state to promote real, demand-driven local development. RSPs as support organisations, to the Administrative and Political Pillars, organise the poor rural communities to actively engage them in their own development. The core function of the RSPs is to foster this Social Pillar in a way that these institutions of the people are financially viable and the rural poor are able to organise and harness their potentials in a sustainable manner, which works toward achieving the specific objectives of the BRDCEP.

Once organised, the CO/VO/LSOs communities have greater access to local authorities/governments and line departments as a collective unit, giving them a stronger voice, to have their demands heard. Planning takes place at household level through the preparation of Micro Investment Plans (MIPs), at village and union council levels as village development plans (VDPs) and Union Council Development Plans (UCDPs). Government officials and elected representatives will be invited to participate in the development of these plans, and the RSPs will also compile and share the plans with local governments, for incorporation into district and provincial level plans. The integration of these plans will inform the design and plan of provincial annual development plans (ADPs) and the public finance management (PFM), bridging the gap between the demand and supply side of public service delivery in Balochistan.

Under BRDCEP The Poverty Scorecard (PSC) Survey has been almost completed in nine target districts by BRDCEP partners. However, the remaining households will be covered from time to time. By mid-May (2018), 309,623 (74%) households have been surveyed against the estimated number of 420,018 households. The distribution of poverty scorecard bands is shown below. 57% of the survey households fall in the poor (0-23 PSC).

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\(^2\) Community Organisation (CO), Village Organisation (VO), Local Support Organisation (LSO)
**Table 1: Poverty Scorecard Range and Categories**

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<td>0 - 11</td>
<td>Extremely Poor/ Ultra Poor</td>
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<td>12 - 18</td>
<td>Chronically Poor</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>19 - 23</td>
<td>Transitory Poor</td>
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<td>24 – 34</td>
<td>Transitory Vulnerable</td>
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<td>35 – 50</td>
<td>Transitory Non-poor</td>
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<td>Non-poor</td>
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BRDCEP has primarily planned to address multifaceted poverty dynamics through community driven development approaches. UNDP and Planning Commission of Pakistan (2016)³ reported that 84.6% of the rural population in Balochistan suffers from multidimensional poverty (Table 2). The average intensity of deprivation, which reflects the share of deprivation which each poor experience on average in rural areas is 57%. Both the headcount and intensity of deprivation are highest in Balochistan compared to other provinces of Pakistan. Since 2005, the multifaceted poverty in Pakistan has reduced but relative to other provinces Balochistan experienced the slowest progress in reducing multidimensional poverty. The incidence of poverty in the districts selected for BRDCEP ranges from strikingly high 96.9% in Killa Abdullah to 57.5% in Khuzdar and most of the Programme districts fall in the highest category of incidence of poverty. No single factor is responsible, for households’ decline into severe

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poverty. Rather, a combination of factors is responsible for plunging households into abiding poverty. Low Livelihood opportunities, deprivation and continuous poverty, poor girls’ education and health, water scarcity, and low population density are some of the key socio-economics issues. According to recent census 2017, the population of Balochistan has increased to 12.34 million, which further aggravate the socio-economic, poverty, poor gender mainstreaming and women empowerment issues in the programme districts. In this preview, service provider (researcher, research or academic institute, consulting firm etc.) is expected to identify various dynamics of poverty in the Programme districts.

Table 2: Multidimensional Poverty in BRDCEP Districts

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<tr>
<th>RSP Names</th>
<th>District</th>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Multidimensional Poverty Index</th>
<th>Incidence of Poverty (H) in %</th>
<th>Intensity of Poverty (A) in %</th>
<th>Category of Incidence of Poverty</th>
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<td>BRSP</td>
<td>Killa Abdullah</td>
<td>2014-15</td>
<td>0.641</td>
<td>96.9</td>
<td>66.2</td>
<td>70% and above</td>
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<td>Jhal Magsi</td>
<td>2014-15</td>
<td>0.528</td>
<td>89.7</td>
<td>58.9</td>
<td>70% and above</td>
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<td>Zhob</td>
<td>2014-15</td>
<td>0.514</td>
<td>82.8</td>
<td>62.1</td>
<td>70% and above</td>
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<td>Washuk</td>
<td>2014-15</td>
<td>0.466</td>
<td>81.9</td>
<td>56.9</td>
<td>70% and above</td>
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<td>Pishin</td>
<td>2014-15</td>
<td>0.453</td>
<td>82.2</td>
<td>55.1</td>
<td>70% and above</td>
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<td>NRSP</td>
<td>Kech</td>
<td>2012-13</td>
<td>0.367</td>
<td>65.2</td>
<td>56.3</td>
<td>60% to 69%</td>
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<td>BRSP</td>
<td>Loralai and</td>
<td>2014-15</td>
<td>0.320</td>
<td>68.5</td>
<td>46.7</td>
<td>60% to 69%</td>
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<td>Duki</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Khuzdar</td>
<td>2014-15</td>
<td>0.258</td>
<td>57.5</td>
<td>49.6</td>
<td>50% to 59%</td>
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Source: Planning Commission, UNDP and OPHI, 2016

3. Objectives of the Participatory Action Research Study

The main objective of study is to analyse the dynamics of poverty\(^4\) in Balochistan in order to support the process of formulating the Community Driven Local Development (CDLD) policy being developed by the Human Dynamics for the Government of Balochistan. The study will also provide information on the key dimensions and determinants of the prevalence of chronic poverty to Government of Balochistan and other development stakeholders involved in poverty reduction efforts. The results from the study will inform the policy makers the ways by which poverty can be reduced in Balochistan Following research questions have been set to achieve this objective:

- **a.** What are the key dimensions and determinants of poverty in Balochistan and what are the gender dimensions of the Poverty?
- **b.** What are the current approaches especially with reference to gender/women to community driven development to reduce poverty adopted by the Government of Balochistan?
- **c.** What are the major challenges in the implementation of the community driven development approach to reduce poverty especially in women and children and in what ways Government of Balochistan is addressing them?

\(^4\) What are the push and pull factors households falling into and coming out of poverty.
d. How to create an enabling environment for local communities (especially poor, women and disadvantage groups) and local authorities/government to effectively participate in poverty reduction policies and strategies.

4. Study Methodology

In order to perpetuate shared learning, principles from the model of Participatory Action Research (PAR) will be employed to promote empowerment, participation and action for all stakeholders involved. PAR focuses on participating with people to improve and understand the context and needs of those involved in the development process, and includes those on whom the change is focused (i.e. communities, local and provincial government etc.). The emphasis is on collaboration, where the level of participation of different participant groups can be defined in the action research conducted within the principles of PAR.

The service provider (researcher, research or academic institute, consulting firm) will provide detailed technical and financial proposals (soft copy on CD along with hard copies) describing their understanding of the assignment based on these terms of reference, detailed methodology of the proposed research and comprehensive strategy for its implementation and a detailed financial proposal. Focus should be on mix of both qualitative and quantitative methodologies, research approaches and methods to address PAR study objectives. Participatory Action Research Study will be used following a mix of qualitative and quantitative methodologies to gauge various forms and extent of poverty and poverty dynamics in the Programme districts.

There are various methodologies available to understand poverty dynamics and economic deprivation and its impact on socio-economic lives of rural communities. The PAR methodologies analyse community perspectives by conducting focus group discussions (FGDs), based on participatory rural appraisal tools, with groups of women and men, participant/non-participants observations of situations or social contexts, and content analysis. PAR processes include key Informant Interviews (KIIs), semi-structured/unstructured in-depth interviews with community leaders (presidents/managers of CO/VO/LSOs and Community Resource Persons), Programme beneficiaries, government authorities at provincial, district and local levels, RSPN/BRSP/NRSP’s Programme management, Programme TAs (HD and OPM) and implementation team members.

A literature review on the subject will be an integral part of the research methodology and provide a comparison to measure knowledge-produced during the PAR study time period. The service provider will justify all the proposed research techniques (inductive or deductive approach), overt methods and tools in the technical proposal, used for PAR study. Informed consent will be required, for the research methods deployed. Researchers will avoid using non-refereed journals citations, thesis, unauthentic newspaper reports/articles documents, etc.

5. Contract Description and Expected Study Results/deliverables

The purpose of this contract is to engage a service provider (researcher, research or academic institute, consulting firm) to conduct participatory action research study on poverty dynamics.

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5 Prior approval of any questionnaires by Programme Manager/Research Coordinator BRDCEP deems mandatory.
6 Overt methods: Open methods of investigation in which participants are aware that they are part of your research. Covert methods: Methods of investigation in which participants are not aware that they are part of a research project, or are perhaps being observed in secret.
in Balochistan, envisaged in this ToRs. The team of researchers will conduct research on dimensions and BRDCEP role to reduce poverty in eight districts during Programme life.

The expected tasks are:

1. Conduct a comprehensive review of literature on poverty, dynamics of poverty, gender and poverty dynamics, economic deprivation, and social inequality in Balochistan, specifically related to relevant issues prevailing in the Programme districts
2. Document and assess Programme interventions all Programmes being conducted in Balochistan to reduce poverty especially women focused projects,
3. Define research tools, subsidiary research questions, operational definitions, context and culturally specific concepts/definitions, study approaches, timeline
4. Develop and submit study inception report
5. Data collection
6. Document for Programme implementers, highlighting issues in Programme implementation especially with gender lens, supported by suggestions and recommendations for addressing rural poverty highlight especially women poverty issues.
7. Document and analyse cross cutting issues and other selected areas impacting households’ poverty in Programme areas and provide evidence based recommendations to assist local development policy formulation process.
8. Develop study report, including, but not limited to;
   a. Evidence based policy recommendations for implementation of a Policy Framework for Community-Driven Local Development (CDLD), Public Finance Management Reform, and development of a gender sensitive Sector-wide approach for poverty reduction in Balochistan.
   b. Document existing poverty reduction strategies by other organisations (e.g. PPAF, BRAC, UN agencies, local NGOs) in the Programme areas, with mentioning the reasons including gender perspective of their success and failures.
9. Develop one Policy Brief out of the research report.

6. Timelines

This is medium term research consultancy with a service provider selected through a competitive bidding process. The contract is expected to start by June 29, 2018 and will end by September 28, 2018 (45 work days) with deliverables specified in section 5.

Intended users of the PAR Study report includes:

i. Government of Balochistan, including Local Government and Rural Development Department
ii. European Union
iii. Union Council, Tehsil and District authorities
iv. Rural Support Programmes Network
v. Balochistan Rural Support Programme
vi. National Rural Support Programme
vii. Human Dynamics (HD) – Programme TA  
viii. Oxford Policy Management Programme TA  
ix. Women and men Community Institutions (CO/VO/LSO/Networks of LSOs)  
x. Local businesses and private sector  
xi. Other stakeholders

7. How to Submit

The full application should include:

1. A detailed technical proposal (in sealed envelope) including information on: the rationale (with a particular focus on poverty dynamics in Balochistan); research methodology (including research techniques, stratification\(^7\), sampling strategy and size); intended outcomes/indicators; plan for data/information collection and analysis; potential policy implications (for provincial and federal Government); a dissemination plan; ethical, environmental and gender considerations; and work plan and timelines.

2. Technical proposal must clearly define:
   i. Introduction, including understanding of the background, objectives and required approaches
   ii. Literature review
   iii. Research methodology
   iv. Dissemination plan
   v. Timetable
   vi. References/bibliography
   vii. CVs of research team

2. Data collection tools and gender sensitive field implementation plan
3. Final Report Format/Contents
4. A detailed Financial proposal (Pak Rs) in separate sealed envelope.
5. Three reports of similar recent work/assignments.
6. Signed declaration on stamp paper (Annex IV)

Eligible Tenderers can submit their tender document in sealed envelope (Please write Reference # RSPN/EU-SUCCESS/201612-01 clearly on the top right corner of the envelope) with the above mentioned documents to:

Ali Akbar Qureshi  
Programme Officer Admin & Procurement  
Rural Support Programmes Network(RSPN)  
3rd Floor, IRM Complex, Plot # 7, Sunrise Avenue, Park Road,  
Near COMSATS University, Islamabad

**Deadline:**  
For Submission of Proposals: **June 20, 2018 before 3 pm PST**  
For Technical Queries: **June 08, 2018**

\(^7\) Stratification: Method of organising population in order to improve representativeness of sample.
In case of any technical query, please write to:

Rahim Khetran
Research Coordinator
Balochistran Rural Development & Community Empowerment Programme (BRDCEP)
Rural Support Programmes Network
3rd Floor, IRM Complex, Plot # 7, Sunrise Avenue (off Park Road)
Near COMSATS University, Islamabad
rahim.khetran@rspn.org.pk

8. Tender Terms & Conditions

a. Tenders shall only be submitted in sealed envelopes. Tenders submitted in any other form shall result in disqualification of the Tenderer.
b. All Payments shall be made through cross cheque.
c. All applicable Government of Pakistan taxes prevailing at the date of transaction will be deducted from the selected Tenderer’s invoice / bill;
d. RSPN will not pay fees, surcharges, assessments or other charges not specifically identified in the Tender.

9. Team Composition, Qualifications and skills

Ideally we are looking for a two to three member team as Team Leader/ Rural Development Research Specialist and Field Research Expert and a Gender expert with excellent research skills but are open for better team composition suggestions.

Minimum of Master Degree in Social Sciences preferably Economics, Development studies, Sociology, Anthropology or equivalent’ from a recognised University is required. A recognised foreign Master research degree or PhD degree in any of these fields will be preferred.

General professional experience
- Preferably 10 years’ experience but a minimum of 5 years’ demonstrated research experience through research publications in relevant field (Poverty dynamics, community driven development and gender assessments etc.) in developing countries is required.
- Knowledge of local government functioning, poverty dynamics, gender issues, community driven development and social mobilization approaches within the context of Pakistan.
- Excellent and demonstrated skills in writing and presenting analytical reports in English.
- Excellent communication and presentation skill
- Able to meet deadlines and work under pressure
10. Selection Criteria:

The service provider will be selected in accordance with the procurement policy and guidelines set out by RSPN. The following basic elements are required to be articulated in the evaluation proposal:

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<td>Approach and methodology</td>
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<td>Work plan and timeline</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>Qualification and relevant experience in target districts</td>
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<td>Cost</td>
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Note. RSPN reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of best price - quality ratio and reserves the right to make no award.

I. Approach and methodology (30%): explain in detail the approach and methodological framework that will be employed in the evaluation.

II. Work plan and timeline (10%): briefly identify key tasks and goals to be associated with the evaluation assignment and a rough timeline for carrying out, developing and/or implementing them.

III. Qualification and relevant experience in target districts (40%) of the applicant/s. [Team Leader/ Rural Development Specialist (20%), Research Expert (10%) and Gender Expert (10%)]

IV. Cost (20%): charges for undertaking the evaluation in the light of time dedicated for work.

11. Payment Timeline with deliverables

Following is payment mode for selected service provider;

a) Upon submission and approval of inception report including work plan 30%

b) Upon completion of data 20%

c) Analysis of data and submission of draft report 25%

d) Upon submission and approval of final report 15%

e) Policy Brief out of the research report 10%
### Annex I: The RSPs network in Pakistan

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<td>1992</td>
<td>NRSP</td>
<td>National Rural Support Programme: The largest RSP. Works across Pakistan and AJK in 57 districts. NRSP has two subsidiaries: the NRSP Microfinance Bank and Institute of Rural Management (IRM). Also supported the establishment of GBTI and PRSP.</td>
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<td>1993</td>
<td>IRM</td>
<td>Institute for Rural Management is the largest civil society provider of training in the country. Declared a Centre of Excellence by UNECOSOC for Asia and the Pacific in 2001.</td>
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<td>1997</td>
<td>TRDP</td>
<td>Thardeep Rural Development Programme: Works in Tharparkar, Umerkot, Dadu and Jamshoro districts of Sindh.</td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>SGA</td>
<td>Sindh Graduates Association: Based in Karachi and also works in selected areas of rural Sindh.</td>
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<td>2004</td>
<td>FIDA</td>
<td>Foundation for Integrated Development Action: Works in Dera Ismail Khan and Tank districts of KP, and South Waziristan Agency of FATA.</td>
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## Annex II: BRDCEP Implementing Partners and their role

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<td><strong>Overall BRDCEP Objective</strong></td>
<td>To support the Government of Balochistan in reducing the negative impact of economic deprivation, poverty and social inequality, environmental degradation and climate change, and to turn this into opportunities to build and empower resilient communities participating actively in identifying and implementing socio-economic development activities on a sustainable basis in partnership with local authorities.</td>
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<td><strong>Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN)</strong></td>
<td>RSPN is specifically responsible to strengthen the technical and institutional capacities of BRSP and NRSP and provide support and evidence to the Programme TA in order to effectively support the Government of Balochistan (GoB) in its objective of improving public service delivery.</td>
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<td><strong>Balochistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP)</strong></td>
<td>BRSP and NRSP will implement the Programme at in the target district and will contribute in empowering citizens and communities and in providing them with means enabling them to implement community-driven socio-economic development interventions, an increased voice and capability to influence public policy decision making through active engagement with local authorities for quality, inclusive, and equitable service delivery, and civic-oversight.</td>
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<td><strong>National Rural Support Programme (NRSP)</strong></td>
<td>- Implementation of grant agreement with EU aiming at implementing all the activities under the expected results in all union councils of the eight targeted districts of the BRDCEP by RSPs with technical support from RSPN. RSPN is primarily responsible for implementation of selected Expected Result of the BRDCEP. - The leading role of BRSP and NRSP is to foster a network of institution of the people as mechanism for engaging local communities in their own development process, create forums for accountability of government to the citizen’s need and improve the demand side of the development equation to create effective demand and receiving mechanisms for public services. RSPN is primarily responsible to strengthen the technical and institutional capacities of BRSP and NRSP and provide support and evidence to the EU TA in order to effectively support the Government of Balochistan (GoB) in its objective of improving public service delivery.</td>
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<td><strong>Partner RSPs (BRSP and NRSP) and RSPN</strong></td>
<td>BRSP is implementing the programme in Districts Jhal Magsi, Khuzdar, Killa Abdullah, Loralai, Pishin, Washuk, and Zhob. NRSP is implementing the Programme in in District Kech/Turbat.</td>
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<td><strong>Human Dynamics</strong></td>
<td>HD Will contribute in attaining Programme’s specific objective two by: - A dedicated policy framework to deliver economic, environmental, and social outcomes in a process.</td>
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involving the local governments/authorities and communities, and its institutional arrangements for community-led local development and participation in local governance processes for effective service delivery in partnership with local governments/authorities is developed and operationalised;

- Improved capacities of the local governments/authorities to become "developmental", mobilise their resources to reach out communities, and systematically involve them in planning, co-resourcing and managing local development activities;
- The Balochistan Rural Development Academy has acquired the necessary capacity to deliver a comprehensive capacity-building Programme on community-driven development, and local governance;
- Technical and intutional capacities of Programme implementing partners strengthened to effectively support the Government of Balochistan in its objective of improving public service delivery;

Cross cutting /managerial tasks are implemented in support of the project objectives and expected results.

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<th>Will support GoB in Public Finance Management reform to improve the efficiency with which provincial government’s budgets are used to increase the quantity/quality of front line public service delivery;</th>
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| Government of Balochistan (GoB) | - Adopts long-term policy-based developmental approach by improving PFM systems  
- Development of a rural development policy framework  
- Adopts a rural development Sector-wide Approach in Balochistan  
- Improvement of socio-economic conditions of the people of Balochistan. |
Annex III: Summary of Objectives and Expected Results of BRDCEP

Objectives of the BRDCEP

Following are the key objectives of the BRDCEP:

1. Overall Programme Objective: To support the Government of Balochistan in reducing the negative impact of economic deprivation, poverty and social inequality, environmental degradation and climate change, and to turn this into opportunities to build and empower resilient communities participating actively in identifying and implementing socio-economic development activities on a sustainable basis in partnership with local authorities.

2. Specific Objective of RSPN: To strengthen the technical and institutional capacities of BRSP and NRSP and provide support and evidence to the EU TA in order to effectively support the Government of Balochistan (GoB) in its objective of improving public service delivery.

These objectives will be achieved through the following Expected Results (ERs):

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<th>Final Beneficiaries</th>
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**ER 1:** Establishment and empowerment of a three-tiered participative system of federated Community Organisations (COs) at community, village and UC levels capable of development needs identification & prioritisation, development planning, resource mobilisation, and execution, and operation & maintenance of community infrastructures.

**ER 2:** Increased capacity of citizens, communities, and marginalised groups, particularly women, to assert their rights and hold local authorities accountable by engaging them in joint participatory development planning and execution for a more relevant and efficient public service delivery.

**ER 3:** Improved accesses of communities, particularly women and marginalised groups to quality public services and benefits from climate-resilient community infrastructures and productive assets planned implemented and maintained jointly with local governments/authorities.

**ER 4:** Increased number of poor community members, particularly women and marginalised such as people with special needs, minorities, and other socially excluded groups, are engaged in income generating activities.

**ER 5:** Experiences on the ground are assessed and disseminated in order to inspire the design of the building blocks of a Local Development Policy framework.

**ER 6:** Gender inequalities reduced through ensuring implementation of the recommendations from the gender mainstreaming strategy to be developed by the EU TA with support from the RSPs.

**ER 7:** Cross-cutting themes envisaged in the Balochistan Rural Development & Community Empowerment (BRDCEP) Programme mainstreamed, addressed, and effectively reported;

**ER 8:** Improved capacity of elected members, local government authorities’ staff, and officials of the line departments to involve communities in planning, co-resourcing and managing local development activities.
Annex IV: Declaration Form

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DECLARATION

TENDER REFERENCE # RSPN/EU-BRDCEP/201803-06

In the response to your Tenders invitation advertised in the daily newspaper for the above contract we, the undersigned, hereby declare that:

1. This tender is valid for a period of 30 days from the last date for the submission of tenders.
2. I/We note that RSPN is not bound to precede with this invitation to tender and that it reserves the right to make no award.
3. I/We agree to adhere to all of the terms and conditions of the contracting authority as provided in the Request for Proposal.
4. I/We confirm that we are not engaged in any corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices and acknowledge that if evidence contrary to this exists, RSPN reserves the right to terminate the contract with immediate effect.
5. I/We are not bankrupt or being wound up, never been black listed from any department / company in or outside Pakistan, are having our affairs administered by the courts, have not the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or are in any analogous arising from the procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations.
6. I/We have not been convicted of an offence concerning professional conduct by any judgment.
7. I/We have not been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authority can justify.
8. I/We declare that all documents /particulars /information furnished in connection with qualification is true / correct.
9. I/We have fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with legal provision the country in which we are established or with those of the country where the contract is to be performed.
10. I/We have not been the subject of the judgment for any fraud, corruption, involvement in criminal/terrorist organization or any other illegal activity detrimental to Pakistani Law.
11. I/We as sole proprietorship, firm, AOP, or company do not have any kind of relationship with the RSPN Staff; and if later this statement is not found in conformity with reality i.e. relationship is found, I/We would stand liable to RSPN as per the rules of RSPN.
   
   • *I do have a relationship with RSPN staff; the nature of the relationship should be clearly & explicitly disclosed in the declaration.

Name: __________________________________________
Business Title: ____________________________________
Signature: _______________________________________
Business Stamp: _________________________________

* Delete this line if there exists no relationship with any RSPN staff. Ignore this line if no relation exists