In response to the COVID-19 pandemic in Balochistan; BRSP initiated awareness raising under emergency response in district Kharan and Chaghi during the last week of February, when the situation started deteriorating at Pak-Iran bordering areas. Although, the first confirmed case in Balochistan was reported in Quetta on March 11, 2020, the patient was a 12-year old boy, who had returned from Iran with his family via Taftan border. So, until March 15, BRSP expanded its emergency response to 26 districts, spread over an area of 243,576 km², which is 70% of the province and also include the districts bordering with Afghanistan, Iran, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh and Punjab.

To date, BRSP has reached 3,053,082 people of 508,847 households in 340 towns & rural councils of 26 districts.

Highlights of Overall Contribution:

- Awareness campaigns held through loudspeakers at 3,675 locations/hamlets in 344 UCs/Wards of 25 districts.
- BRSP engaged 969 Masajid for awareness raising in 236 UCs/Wards of 26 districts.
- A total of 25,429 individuals including 17,376 males and 8,053 females sensitized through awareness raising/BCC sessions in 179 UCs/Wards of 15 districts by 1,524 (1,014 males and 510 females) Community Resource Persons (CRPs), Volunteers and members of Community Institutions.
- BRSP participated in 141 Coordination meetings of COVID-19 Task Force chaired by DCs, ACs, DHOs and PDMA Officials in 24 districts.
- IEC Material distributed to 31,145 HHs in 252 UCs/Wards of 23 districts.
- BRSP, through its district offices, provided 11,390 Sanitizer, 6,750 Disposable Gloves, 20,380 Soaps, 182 Personal Protection Equipment Suites (PPEs), 60 pack tissue paper and 27,161 mask to district administration in 26 districts for Quarantine Centers, health facilities, DC Office, Security Officials, MNAs, MPAs and health department’s staff.
- To promote health and hygiene practices, 246 Hand Washing facilities established at different public places in 66 UCs/Wards of 18 districts.
- BRSP chipped in a contribution of 10,000 soaps and 2,000 Dettol Antiseptic Liquid, with a ration package distributed to 2,000 poorest HHs in district Killa Abdullah by a Member of Balochistan Provincial Assembly.
- BRSP facilitated 9,741 poorest HHs in registration process under Ehsaas Emergency Cash Programme in 10 districts; Duki, Jhal Magsi, Kharan, Khuzdar, Killa Abdullah, Loralai, Pishin, Quetta, Washuk and Zhob.
- In addition, BRSP fostered 22 LSOs through linkages development, provided a list of 9,197 poorest HHs to District Administration for distribution of food packages in 7 districts; Duki, Jhal Magsi, Khuzdar, Killa Abdullah, Loralai, Washuk and Zhob. These LSOs also took self-help initiatives and distributed Food packages to 899 poorest HHs in 4 districts; Duki, Loralai, Pishin and Zhob.
- 408 TVET beneficiaries, trained under BRSP’s Skills Development Programmes, produced 7,557 Masks in 29 UCs of 8 districts for selling out in local markets in emergency situation.
- Awareness massages on COVID-19 circulated through print and electronic media in 13 districts.
- On BRSP’s suggestion, DC Pishin constituted a special “Zakat/Charity Committee” consisting of political parties, local notables and BRSP in district Pishin. The committee mobilized PKR 2.5 million from the personal contribution of committee members and other local/oversees philanthropists that would be used for distributing food packages and/or disbursement of cash grants to the poorest HHs of the district. In addition, through this forum, a local philanthropist distributed 300 floor bags (50 kg each) to 300 poorest HHs in tehsil Huramzai, Pishin.
- Fumigation at BRSP’s HOs and district offices. In addition, fumigation was carried out in 47 Wards of Pishin Town, Municipal Committee Huramzai, UC Kamalzai, UC Batazai, UC Badezai, UCs Malikyar I and Malikyar II, district Pishin.
- BRSP, since March 10, 2020, has provided full-time services of a IT Person to Health Dept; for managing database of suspects & patients and providing IT related troubleshooting services to Emergency Response Cell established in DG-Health Office.
Highlights of the day:

- 1,640 individuals including 985 males and 655 females sensitized in 7 UCs of 3 districts; Duki, Harnai and Quetta.
- Awareness raising held through engaging **19 Masajid** in 4 UCs/Wards of 3 districts; Kachi, Naseerabad and Quetta.
- Awareness campaigns held through **loudspeakers** in 34 locations of 6 UCs/Wards of 5 districts; Harnai, Kachi, Naseerabad, Sohbat Pur and Ziarat.
- **Coordination meetings** of COVID-19 Task Force held with DHOs and PDMA Officials in 3 districts; Harnai, Quetta and Loralai.
- **IEC Material** distributed to 841 HHs in 7 UCs/Wards of 5 districts; Harnai, Kachi, Naseerabad, Sohbat Pur and Ziarat.
- **BRSP established 1 Hand Washing facilities** in a government hospital of UC Naag of district Washuk.
- BRSP provided **1,455 Sanitizers, 140 Gloves, 200 masks and 360 Soaps** to DC, Health facilities, Quarantine Centers, MNA, Deputy Commandant Balochistan Constabulary (BC), Officials of Anti-Terrorist Force (ATF) and communities in 6 districts; Naseerabad, Kalat, Killa Saifullah, Harnai, Quetta and Zhob.
- BRSP facilitated **73 poorest HHs** in registration process under **Ehsaas Emergency Cash Programme** and provided a list of **167 poorest HHs** to District Administration for the **distribution of food packages** in 2 districts; Killa Abdullah, and Zhob.
- BRSP with the support of district administration distributed 175 food packages to daily wagers in district Loralai.

**Pictorial Highlights**

- CEO-BRSP calls on DC Quetta to brief him about BRSP’s emergency response operation
- Coordination meeting of BRSP officials with DG-PDMA Balochistan
- Installation of Handwashing Unit, district Washuk
- Loudspeaker Announcement, district Sohbat Pur
- Supplies Distribution to BHU, district Harnai
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