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 27 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.

BRSP has reached 33,074,958 people of 512,493 households in 346 towns & rural councils of 27 districts *

Highlights of Overall Contribution:

- BRSP organized the launching ceremony of Comprehensive Response to COVID-19 through Infection Prevention and Control in Quetta on 20th April 2020. The event was graced by the honorable parliamentarians, Opposition Leader Balochistan Assembly, Coordinator to Chief Minister, Deputy Commissioner, Judiciary, religious leaders, minorities, Government Officials, media and representative of CSOs etc.
- Awareness campaigns held through loudspeakers at 3,706 locations/hamlets in 347 UCs/Wards of 25 districts.
- BRSP engaged 1,007 Masajid for awareness raising in 238 UCs/Wards of 26 districts.
- A total of 26,979 individuals including 18,403 males and 8,576 females sensitized through awareness raising/BCC sessions in 187 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 150 Coordination meetings of COVID-19 Task Force chaired by DCs, ACs, DHOs, Officials of line department and DG-PDMA in 24 districts.
- IEC Material distributed to 31,572 HHs in 252 UCs/Wards of 23 districts.
- BRSP, through its district offices, provided 13,390 Sanitizer, 6,750 Disposable Gloves, 30,380 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, 247 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 9,955 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 29 LSOs through linkages development, provided a list of 9,831 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 939 poorest HHs in 4 districts; Duki, Loralai, Pishin and Zhob.
- 408 TVET beneficiaries, trained under BRSP’s Skills Development Programmes, produced 7,622 Masks in 29 UCs of 8 districts for selling out in local markets to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in communities.
- Awareness massages on COVID-19 circulated through print and electronic media in 14 districts.
- Health Department and USAID jointly conducted a workshop on COVID-19 case definition, management, and surveillance for rapid response team & staff for DHO, MS, MOs, Health facilities in charge and BRSP staff in BRSP Office, district Loralai.
- BRSP launched the
In the context of COVID-19 emergency, BRSP expedited its livelihood support to vulnerable HHs, Rs. 5.6 million disbursed to **280 poorest HHs** in 13 UCs of 04 districts; Khuzdar, Washuk, Duki and Zhob under BRACE Programme. In District Duki, Deputy Commissioner distributed ATM cards of **Community Investment Fund** to 29 poorest HHs in UC Viala Duki.

A special “**Zakat/Charity Committee**” constituted by DC Pishin on the suggestion of BRSP, 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. The Committee consists of political parties, local notables and BRSP. 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**

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**Highlights of the day:**

- **828 individuals including 554 males and 274 females sensitized in 13 UCs of 5 districts; Naseerabad, Harnai, Duki, Jhal Magsi and Pishin.**

- Awareness raising held through engaging **34 Masajid** in 7 UCs/Wards of 5 districts; Harnai, Kachi, Quetta, Pishin and Sibi.

- Awareness campaigns held through **loudspeakers** in 15 locations of 5 UCs/Wards of 4 districts; Harnai, Kachhi, Pishin and Sibi.

- **Coordination meetings** of COVID-19 Task Force held with DC, BISP Officials and MS-DHQ in 3 districts; Killa Saifullah, Harnai and Pishin.

- **IEC Material** distributed to 127 HHs in 4 UCs/Wards of 3 districts; Harnai, Kachi and Sibi.

- BRSP provided **23 Sanitizers and 552 Soaps** to the Health Secretariat and health facilities in 6 districts; Duki, Pishin, Loralai, Harnai, Killa Saifullah and Sibi.

- BRSP facilitated **170 poorest HHs** in registration process under **Ehsaas Emergency Cash Programme** and provided a list of **290 poorest HHs** to District Administration for the **distribution of food packages** in 3 districts; Pishin, Loralai and Zhob.

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- BRSP fostered LSO distributed **175 food packages** to poor HHs in district Loralai.
Pictorial Highlights

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