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 3,089,034 people of 514,839 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 Provincial 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 3,709 locations/hamlets in 348 UCs/Wards of 25 districts.
- BRSP engaged 1,008 Masajid for awareness raising in 239 UCs/Wards of 26 districts.
- A total of 27,625 individuals including 18,860 males and 8,765 females sensitized through awareness raising/BCC sessions in 190 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 152 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 31,588 HHs in 252 UCs/Wards of 23 districts.
- BRSP, through its district offices, provided 27,378 Sanitizer, 26,250 Disposable Gloves, 30,380 Soaps, 182 Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs), 60 pack tissue paper and 47,700 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, 261 Hand Washing facilities established in government offices and 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 10,588 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.
- BRSP in collaboration with Health department initiated need assessment of health facilities and Quarantine Centers in high risk districts including Quetta and Noshki that will be further extended in other districts if required.
- In addition, BRSP fostered 31 LSOs through linkages development, provided a list of 10,808 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 1,134 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.

• 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.**

**Highlights of the day:**

- **646** individuals including **457** males and **189** females sensitized in **9** UCs of **3** districts; Harnai, Duki and Zhob.
- Awareness raising held through engaging **1 Masjid** in Municipal Committee of district Kalat.
- Awareness campaigns held through **loudspeakers** in **3** locations of **2** UCs/Wards of **2** districts; Harnai and Zhob.
- **Coordination meetings** of COVID-19 Task Force held with DC, BISP Officials and MS-DHQ in **2** districts; Harnai and Zhob.
- **IEC Material** distributed to **15** HHs in Municipal Committee of district Harnai.
- To promote health and hygiene practices, **14 Hand Washing facilities** established in Municipal Committee, Station Headquarters and FC 69 Wing in **2** districts; Quetta and Killa Abdullah.
- BRSP provided **39 Sanitizers and 1,084 Soaps** to health facilities in **4** districts; Musakhail, Harnai, Killa Saifullah and Zhob.
- BRSP in collaboration with Health department conducted need assessment survey in Quarantine Centers, established in Rural Development Academy (RDA), Fatima Jinnah Chest Hospital, PCSIR Mian Ghundi, Sheikh Zaid Hospital and DHQ Hospital in districts Quetta and Noshki.
- BRSP facilitated **633 poorest HHs** in registration process under **Ehsaas Emergency Cash Programme** and provided a list of **977 poorest HHs** to District Administration for the **distribution of food packages** in **3** districts; Killa Abdullah, Loralai and Zhob.
- BRSP fostered LSO with the support of district administration distributed **195 food packages** to poor HHs in **2** UCs; Lakaband and Tangsar of district Zhob.
Pictorial Highlights

Provision of handwashing units to station headquarters and FC 69 Wing, district Quetta

Awareness session and distribution of Leaflets, district Harnai

Bilal Khan Kakar Coordinator to CM met with CEO BRSP, district Quetta

Distribution of soaps and hand sanitizers to Health Facilities and Public Places in districts Zhob and Musakhail

Task Force meeting held at DHO office, district Noshki

Need Assessment at Quarantine Centre RDA & Isolation Ward Fatima Jinnah Chest Hospital, district Quetta
COVID-19 Emergency Response Outreach

Type of Interventions
1. Awareness Session
2. Mobile Loudspeaker Announcement
3. Mosque Announcement
4. IEC Material Distribution
5. Mask Production
6. Mask/Gloves and PPE Kit Distribution
7. Hand Washing Point Installation
8. Soap/Hand Sanitizer Distribution
9. Coordination & Support to District Administration

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