

# SRSP's Social Capital fighting against COVID-19

To support the government effort in fighting against COVID-19, SRSP's existing Community Institutions (LSOs, VOs, COs and VBs) also decided to step up to cease the further spread of COVID-19 and hold the hands of poor members of their community to alleviate the impact of COVID-19 and its economic deprivation caused.

There are currently total **10,269 Community Institutions** formed by SRSP active in COVID-19 including 130 LSOs, 1,256 VOs and 8,883 COs and engaged with SRSP teams on ground. The support they provide is from their own generated resources voluntarily. They are contributing in Mass awareness campaigns, food & non-food items distribution, cash disbursement, soaps & sanitizers' provision, non-medical facemasks & gloves production and distribution among vulnerable communities on self-help basis. Further, they are also linked with multiple local actors; government and non-government to support in the ongoing activities on humanitarian grounds.

## Case Study of LSO "Beer Development Society"

A meeting was held at LSO office "Beer Development Society (BDS)" Haripur on May 07, 2020 to discuss its ongoing efforts in COVID-19 response. Executive Body members of BDS, BEDF, CRPs, Mohallah Committee members and Youth Volunteers under TACS BC project attended the meeting.

After a brief introduction Mr. Asif Ali Jan, the Chairman of LSO BDS, shared the COVID-19 response initiatives in joint collaboration of the **Badbaan Enterprise Development Forum (BEDF)** Haripur. He said that both the organizations were formed with the support of SRSP & RSPN with different mandates they carry. BEDF is working on Enterprise Development that has so far formed total 20 Women Enterprise Groups in district Haripur.

Some of the main activities undertaken are given below;

- Distributed **2000 Mask among community** (local made by Women Enterprise Groups) @ Rs: 20 each – cost contributed by EB and MC members of UC Beer.
- Conducted sensitization sessions on COVID-19 and covered **1500 HHs in 48 villages** in two UCs; Beer & Jatti Pind.
- During lockdown, the LSO distributed **1000 flour bags** among poor and deserving families in far-flung and hilly areas of UC Beer on Government controlled rates (Transportation and loading charges supported by the EB members of LSO).
- Distribution of Qarshi beverages among **800 poor families** of 24 villages with the collaboration of **"Qarshi Food & Beverages Industries Hattar**.
- **Disinfection sprays** carried out in all the Mosques of UC Beer on fortnightly basis.
- Distributed **Ration packages** among **500 deserving families** identified by COs & VOs with the collaboration of **"Senator Talha Mehmood Foundation"** in three villages of UC Beer.
- Formed **"Youth Volunteers Group"** at VCs level, these are volunteers who are supporting the activities and hence are engaged in the ongoing efforts with different local stakeholders as well.

