



LSOs or Local Support Organisations are central to the 'Social Mobilisation' approach of the Rural Support Programmes (RSPs). In a bid to reduce poverty and empower marginalised people (especially women), the RSPs under BRACE, mobilise rural women and men into a three-tiered structure, which consists of Community Organisations (COs) - neighbourhood level community groups, Village Organisations (VOs) - village level federations of COs, and LSOs - union council level federations of VOs. LSOs are able to carry out community-led development at a much greater level due to the advantage they gain from numbers. As the tertiary tier, LSOs are also uniquely able to develop linkages with government and non-government organisations, donor agencies and the private sector.

LSO INITIATIVES



Local Support Organisation Jan Baz

<p>District</p>  <p>Pishin</p>	<p>Union Council</p>  <p>Dub Khanzai</p>	<p>Date of Formation</p>  <p>20-11-2020</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council</p>  <p>1,954</p>	<p>Organised Households</p>  <p>1529</p>	<p>Coverage</p>  <p>78%</p>
<p>Number of COs</p>  <p>137 89 MEN, 48 WOMEN'S</p>		<p>Number of VOs</p>  <p>19</p>	<p># of General Body Members</p>  <p>137 48 WOMEN'S</p>	<p># of Executive Committee Members</p>  <p>11</p>	<p>as of 31st December 2021</p>

Combating COVID-19

The executives and general body members of Local Support Organisation Jan Baz through mutual understanding, developed strategies for helping the ultra-poor of their Union Council Dub Khanzai in district Pishin. They made a committee of six to ten people to identify the disadvantaged members from their UC and to help them during Covid-19. During the pandemic, all businesses and other activities of the daily wage earners were closed. There was a fear of spreading of virus further countrywide. In this scenario, it was very hard to manage food for the family members of daily wage earners.



1. In this severe crisis, LSO members collected donations from Community Institutions and purchased edible items to distribute among needy members in the LSO. The ration was distributed to 35 members of the UC.



2. Local Support Organisation disbursed cash amounts to the needy members of the society. LSO targeted the most vulnerable members particularly females, and people whose sources of income dried up during Covid-19.

Awareness Sessions on Preparing of Local Certificates

Local Support Organisation held awareness sessions for community members to make their local certificates. Many people in the rural areas are not aware of their basic civic

rights. They don't give any importance to national identity cards, newborn birth certificates, marriage certificates, etc. Through CIs' support and awareness sessions, they informed about the importance of the documents for the future of their children. LSO imparts the importance of the birth certificate. Without this essential documentation, a child cannot get admission in any educational institution.



Installation of Transformer and Repairing of Water Supply

During the pandemic, load-shedding was one of the major issues in the Union Council. The LSO leaders approached the local MPA for helping the poor people of the UC. The MPA installed a new transformer and repaired water supply in UC Dub Khanzai.



Health and Hygiene Awareness Sessions

Local Support Organisation conducted and participated in the enrolment campaigns and hygiene health sessions. CI members held sessions regarding health hygiene and prevention of unhealthy environment among community members. LSO imparted preventive measures to the society

members, so that they become aware of such inappropriate situations.

Enrolment of Children in Schools

The Right to Education is a fundamental human right. Every single person, irrespective of race, is entitled to free elementary education. Due to multiple reasons, the literacy rate of the district is very low. The LSO leaders were concerned about the situation, so they decided to take action which could help them in the reduction of illiteracy. They organised campaigns for the enrolment of out-of-school children. Another very good initiative taken by the LSO was distribution of books among poor households who were unable to afford them. The LSO purchased and distributed 178 books and stationery items among girls and boys.



Distribution of Seeds and Fertilisers

A large number of people from the Union Council are affiliated with the agriculture sector. Unfortunately, the locust attacks had damaged the crops at a large scale which cost the landowners tremendously. They were unable to start growing new crops. The LSO leaders through their linkages with relevant departments, managed the distribution of seeds and fertilisers among the affected farmers for the locust attacks.



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