



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 Nasar Abad 1

<p>District</p>  <p>Duki</p>	<p>Union Council</p>  <p>Nasar Abad 1</p>	<p>Date of Formation</p>  <p>20-02-2020</p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council</p>  <p>1,233</p>	<p>Organised Households</p>  <p>764</p>	<p>Coverage</p>  <p>62%</p>
<p>Number of COs</p>  <p>77 38 WOMEN'S</p>		<p>Number of VOs</p>  <p>27 15 MEN'S, 12 WOMEN'S</p>		<p># of General Body Members</p>  <p>39 ALL MEN</p>	<p># of Executive Committee Members</p>  <p>11 ALL MEN</p>

as of 31st december 2021

Local Support Organisation Nasar Abad 1, District Duki, was Formed on 20th February 2020 by 764 member households organised into 77 COs and 27 VOs. The representatives of LSO Nasar Abad 1, are planning and implementing development activities, both on a self-help basis, as well as in collaboration with government agencies. The EU-funded BRACE Programme is empowering rural women and men in Balochistan through realising the power they gain from collective action. Organised communities are members arranged safety awareness campaign in coal mines and provided awareness sessions to the labourers regarding Safety and Protection from Sudden accidents in coal mines. Under the EU-Funded BRACE Programme, the LSO Executive members brought up the issue of safety helmets for coal mines labourers, as they face many challenges and risk while working in the deep corners of the coal mines. The most dangerous step for the labourer is to go down at least 2000 to 4000 feet depth in the coal mines. The LSO Leaders discussed these issues with local philanthropists and requested for Safety Helmets. As a result of this coordination, the LSO Leaders were able to distribute 600 Safety Helmets for 600 labourers. Per Helmet cost is 250 PKR.

Safety Awareness Campaign and Provision of Safety Helmets to Coal Mines Labourers

District Duki is one of the most renowned districts of Balochistan abundant with massive natural coal mine reserves. UC Nasar Abad 1 is close to the coal mines area and almost every house hold member is working in these coal mines. This is the only best source of income of this Union Council 1. LSO executive body members arranged safety awareness campaign in coal mines and provided awareness sessions to the labourers regarding Safety and Protection from Sudden accidents in coal mines. Under the EU-Funded BRACE Programme, the LSO Executive members brought up the issue of safety helmets for coal mines labourers, as they face many challenges and risk



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Activities against COVID-19 Pandemic

As the COVID-19 pandemic hit the country, the Government of Pakistan and the Rural Support Programmes fostered a partnership to combat the disease and the challenges brought on by the pandemic, in collaboration with the organised rural communities. Members of LSO Nasar Abad 1 played a vital role during the pandemic. The key activities conducted by the LSO are;

- 1: LSO leaders received training form Government Health Department on awareness raising for Covid-19 virus and trace, test and quarantine (TTQ) activities.
- 2: The community resource persons (CRPs) delivered awareness sessions on COVID-19 during their routine community awareness toolkit (CAT) meetings with their community organisations (COs). During these sessions, community members were educated about the signs and symptoms of the Corona virus disease and the precautionary measures to be taken to keep themselves safe from viral infections and TTQ.



- 1: The LSO leaders carried out the awareness raising campaigns across the UC through Loudspeaker announcement in which they awared people on avoiding crowded places, keeping 6 feet distance, wearing face masks and following all the SOPs recommended by the Government
- 2: They also distributed rations among 91 poor households received from Al-Khidmat Foundation through their linkages. The total cost was 460000 PKR
- 3: Leader of the LSO distributed 350 masks through self-help initiatives. 250 masks were received from the Health Department.



Approval of Cash/Aid for Labourers' Family from the Welfare Worker Board

Majority of the people of UC Nasar Abad 1 are depended on coal mines. Almost all household members are labourer in these coal mines. Working in the coal mines is the most difficult and risky task. Every day an incident occurs in the coal mines. Some labourers have also lost their lives. LSO leaders highlighted the issues of the people who died in the coal mines, as their family has no other person for earning. LSOs members took notice of this issue and approved Cash/Aid from Welfare Worker Board for 15 poorest households. The Board approved 500,000 PKR for each household.



Arranged Iftar Party for 277 Labourers through Linkages with Al-Khidmat Foundation

In the monthly meeting of LSO executive body members, they highlighted that most of the UC Nasar Abad 1 people belong from poor families. They decided that they should arrange an Iftar party for all labourers. During Ramadan, the LSO leaders arranged Iftar party for 277 Labourers through their linkages with Al-Khidmat Foundation.



The Iftar Party

Resolving a Conflict between Two Tribes by the LSO Peace Committee

Many different tribes from the Pashton family are living in UC Nasar Abad 1 like Tareens, Nasars and Kakars. Due to plenty of coal mines in the area, every day a conflict arises between these tribes. Sometimes, these conflicts effect the entire family life and they are compelled to leave their home land. The LSO members raised this issue in their monthly meetings and the LSO leader decided that they should form a Peace Committee, which will pay a vital role in conflict resolution among the tribes. Recently, two tribes presented their conflict regarding coal mines in front of the LSO Peace Committee. The LSO Peace Committee smoothly listened to the obligations of both parties. In the end, the Committee resolved their conflict successfully.



Jirga/Mahraka by LSO

Distribution of Eid Meat among 200 Poorest Households through Linkages with Al-Khidmat Foundation

Leaders and representatives of LSO Nasar Abad 1 are working day and night for the poorest households in their UC. The LSO aims to reduce poverty not only in their own UC, but also in the district Duki as a whole. The LSO leader highlighted the issues of poorest households on every forum. During Eid Ul Adha, LSO leader developed linkages with AL-Khidmat Foundation and nominated 200 poorest households living in the UC Nasar Abad 1 area. As a result of this coordination, the LSO leader was able to distribute meat among the poorest households.



Eid Meat Distribution

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