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Balochistan Rural Development & Community Empowerment Programme (BRACE)

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) from (July 2021 - June 2022)

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Total Targets (2017-2022)	Achievement as of June 2022 (2017-2022)	Achievement (%)
Number of Households with Poverty Score card survey completed (Targeted Districts)	421,018	417185	99%
Number of Households Organised	294,713	286,117	97%
No. of Micro Investment Plans Formed	248221	247187	100%
No. of Village Development Plans Formed	2234	3261	146%
No. of Union Council Development Plans	211	204	97%
No. of Participants Trained on Community Awareness Toolkit	32,730	445,382	1361%
Female Participants		291,707	66%
Community Organisations Formed	19,129	25,787	135%
Number of Female COs	9,564	11,230	44%
Village Organisations Formed	3,085	5,617	182%
Number of Female VOs	1,542	2,082	37%
Local Support Organisations Formed	243	237	98%
Number of Female LSOs		3	1%
Community Management Skills Trainings	40,258	34,128	85%
Female Members Trained	19,129	15,224	45%
Leadership Management Skills Trainings	6656	5,371	81%
Female Members Trained	3,296	2,118	39%
Technical, Vocational and Educational Trainings	3098	2,487	80%
Female Members Trained		1442	58%
Women Trained on Adult literacy & Numeracy Skills	12064	12,104	100%
Number of HH benefiting from the Community Investment Fund for productive asset building and income generation	19550	8,840	45%
Number of target poor households members who have received the Income Generating Grants	13,632	12,054	88%

RSPN – Rural Support Programmes Network

Concluding Workshop of the External Performance Monitoring of BRACE Programme

The Government of Balochistan hosted the concluding workshop of the External Performance Monitoring Mission of the European Union-Funded BRACE Programme on 28th June 2022 in Islamabad. Secretary Local Government and Rural Development Balochistan, Mr Dostain Khan Jamaldini was the honourable chief guest of the occasion. Deputy Secretary Economic Affairs Division Mr Khalid Khan and Chairman RSPN Mr Shoaib Sultan Khan were the guests of honour. General Manager NRSP Mr Agha Javad, CEO RSPN Ms Shandana Khan, CEO BRSP Dr Shahnawaz Khan, Managing Director EDC Dr Tariq Hussain, representatives of EU delegation in Pakistan and other implementing partners of the BRACE Programme participated in the workshop and shared key achievements, impacts, challenges and the way forward.

The Balochistan Government acknowledged the very important contributions of the European Union for the socio-economic development of the poor communities in Balochistan. The speakers and distinguished guests observed that the participatory development approach has significantly empowered the communities and has also sensitised the Government officials to understand and support the

participatory rural development in future. Government of Balochistan pledged to continue its full support to the community empowerment and rural development efforts of the BRACE Programme. It was also agreed to continue this collaboration in future endeavours by building on the achievements of the Programme in the last five years.



Mr Khalid Khan, Deputy Secretary Economic Affairs Division, Federal Government of Pakistan



Honourable Chief Guest, Mr Dostain Khan Jamaldini, Secretary LGRDD Balochistan



Dr Shahnawaz Khan, CEO BRSP explaining the impact of BRACE in Balochistan



Chairman RSPN, Mr Shoaib Sultan Khan delivering a keynote address



Mr Arshad Rashid, Ex-Development Advisor to EU introducing his successor Mr Ivan Bortsavjevic



Ms Gul Afroz, Programme Manager BRACE-NRSP narrating the Success Stories from district Kech



Ms Shandana Khan, CEO RSPN talking about the way forward for BRACE



Team Leader EMM, Mr Ali Dastgeer delivering the lessons learned during the Programme



Programme Manager BRACE Mr Sajjad Changezi presenting the findings of impact assessment



Team Leader BRACE Technical Assistant DAI, Mr Peter Portier talking about the challenges faced during the last five years

Government Officials from Khuzdar visit Rural Support Programmes Network Head Office

A delegation of Government of Balochistan officials from district Khuzdar visited the Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) head office in Islamabad on 11th June 2022 and met with the core staff of RSPN and European Union in Pakistan-Funded BRACE Programme team.

The representatives were from the Deputy Commissioner office, Livestock



Representatives from the DC office, Livestock department, LGRDD and Social Welfare department

department, Local government, Social Welfare department, Balochistan Rural Support Programme and BRACE Technical Assistant Team.

Chief Executive Officer RSPN Ms Shandana Khan gave a detailed orientation on the community empowerment model of the Rural Support Programmes of Pakistan and how it has led to rural development in the country. The guests were also briefed on the different components of BRACE Programme and how it has mobilised and organised rural women and men in achieving community-driven local development in Balochistan.



Delegation of Government Officials from Khuzdar with the RSPN colleagues



Ms Shandana Khan discussing important issues with Mr Bilal Ghicki, District Programme Manager Khuzdar



Presenting the rural development model of the RSPs

Workshop on Gender Sensitisation and Programme Transformative Approaches

The Rural Support Programmes Network organised a two-days advanced level workshop on Gender Sensitisation, Awareness and Transformative Approaches for senior management and leadership of Balochistan Rural Support Programme, National Rural Support Programme and the Technical Assistant teams under the European Union-Funded BRACE Programme in Quetta from 27th till 28th May 2022. Representatives of select departments from the provincial Government of Balochistan also participated.

This was the second round of training with the District Programme Managers (DPMs). The earlier training workshop by RSPN was organised in August 2021 in which basic concepts and BRACE Programme's Gender Mainstreaming Strategy (GMS) were discussed. The DPMs and Gender Focal Persons (GFPs) together drafted Gender Action Plans for the BRACE Programme. This workshop was an advanced level training for BRACE DPMs in which gender analysis tools and transformative approaches were discussed. This event was an important one in the series of gender sensitisation workshops with BRACE Programme's district representatives, as mentioned in BRACE GMS and as recommended by the External Monitoring Mission after their fifth round of monitoring.



Mr Nabeel Baloch from Kech and Mr Muneer Mengal from Jhal Magshi presenting during the group tasks



Ms Naseema Salam from BRSP explaining the gender prejudices in our society



Representatives of select departments from the provincial Government of Balochistan also participated



Secretary Local Government Mr Dostain Jamaldini delivering the concluding address



Senior management and leadership of BRSP, NIRSP and TA teams pose for a group photo

To moderate the two days training event, RSPN procured the expert services of Mr Babar Bashir, Executive Director of Rozan, an Islamabad-based progressive organisation that works to legislate against, prevent and bring awareness to issues Gender-Based Violence. The methodology was interactive, the trainer

engaged participants in discussions and kept the forum open for feedback, queries, and feedback.

Secretary Local Government and Rural Development Department Balochistan Mr Dostain Khan Jamaldini delivered the concluding speech of the workshop.

BRSP – Balochistan Rural Support Programme

Students with Special Needs Meet the President and the First Lady in Islamabad

European Union-Funded BRACE Programme arranged an exposure visit for students and teachers of National Special Education Complex Khuzdar to Islamabad, Abbottabad, Naran and Kaghan. The team had an interactive meeting with the Honourable President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Dr Arif Alvi and the first lady Mrs Arif Alvi at the President House Islamabad. Mr and Mrs Alvi warmly welcomed the participants and assured their full support to the students with special needs of Balochistan.

The students and teachers also visited Pakistan Ordnance Factories (POF) in Wah Cantt. The aim of this visit was to enhance the vocational skills and knowledge of the young delegation. The group also visited *Nasheman School/ College for Special Education and Rehabilitation Wah Cantt, Kingston School for Inclusive Education Abbottabad and Special Education Center for Physically Handicapped Children Abbottabad*. They interacted with the local students and teachers and exchanged knowledge and best practices.

Income Generating Grants (IGGs) Distribution Ceremony in District Loralai

European Union-Funded BRACE Programme held an Income Generating Grants (IGGs) distribution ceremony with the support of Balochistan



Rural Support Programme (BRSP) in district Loralai. 63 beneficiaries were identified through their Local Support Organisation *Pathan Kot* and received sheep for animal husbandry. IGGs are given to poor rural community members that have poverty score between 0 and 11.

Establishment of 8 Business Development Centers (BDCs) for Value Chain Development (VCD)

The value chain describes the full range of activities that collaborate firms and workers to bring a product from its conception to its end use. This includes activities such as design, production, marketing, distribution, and support to the final consumer. 8 Business Development Centers will be established and each centre will engage approximately 100 poor households, creating employment opportunities at the local level. One BDC of layer farming was established successfully in district Loralai recently. Union Councils *Pathan Kot, Lahore,*



Ponga, and Zangiwal Kudazai have been selected for the layer farming intervention. The programme team identified 25 female beneficiaries from each UC. Each beneficiary has received a layer farming package comprising a cage, 40 egg-laying Rhode Island Red American breed hens, and a bag of feed. Overall, 100 women will benefit from this intervention, with each beneficiary expecting to earn Rs. 15000/-per month.

European Union in Pakistan Co-Sponsors the Quetta Literary Festival (QLF)

QLF is a literary platform to promote young talent, providing an opportunity for the academicians to highlight the socio-cultural issues and many extra-curricular activities for the students. This festival was organised by Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUITEMS), Quetta. The European Union has been a strong advocate of rural growth and development in Balochistan and BRACE Programme is its flagship



initiative in the province for community empowerment and rural development, The Programme has provided skills to poor community members for earning a sustainable livelihood. A stall of women artisans trained under the European Union was set up in the QLF. To engage and encourage the young audience, an exhibition of photographs and paintings was also held in which students of different universities of Balochistan enthusiastically participated. The collaboration between the European Union and BUIITEMS in QLF wonderfully demonstrated the EU's commitment to Balochistan since 2013.

BRSP Carries Out the Institutional Maturity Index (IMI) Survey in Balochistan

Community Institutions fostered under the European Union-Funded BRACE Programme are assessed annually through Institutional Maturity Index (IMI) survey. The Social Mobilisation team continues its mentoring support to these institutions, so that the capacities of these institutions are strengthened, The LSO leaders have the social guidance of the Rural Support Programmes in nurturing and strengthening the people's institutions and ensuring that these community organisations are headed on the right track in serving their constituent households. IMI survey is being carried out in district Loralai to assess the capacity, functionality, effectiveness and efficiency of these institutions.



Stakeholders Meeting Advocating Gender Inclusiveness in District Washuk under the BRACE Programme

European Union-Funded BRACE

Programme held a "Stakeholders Meeting/Workshop" at field unit Basima, Washuk with the assistance of Balochistan Rural Support Programme. Stakeholder meetings are an important part of social mobilisation strategy to promote inclusiveness, cohesiveness and harmony in the communities working for rural development. Deputy Director Livestock Dr Jamil Ahmed, Social Welfare Officer Mr Nazeer Ahmed, District Education Officer Mr Abdul Hayee, Executive M&E PPHI Mr Athar Jamali, Tehsildar Basima Mr Sabzal Khan and representatives from LSO Kuragi and Basima participated in the meeting. This platform provides a people-centered advocacy approach that enables the communities to interact with their respective stakeholders in voicing their issues. The community institutions work with their line departments to avoid any duplication of efforts and ensure that their village, union council and district development plans are gender inclusive.



European Union Providing Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) Training to the Rural Women of Balochistan

Although illiteracy in Pakistan as a whole stands at 80% and growing, the literacy rate among rural women in Balochistan is bleaker. It is estimated that less than 2% of rural female in Balochistan are literate.¹ European Union-Funded BRACE Programme is providing Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) training to strengthen basic literacy and numeracy skills of women community members. ALNS engages them in systematic and sustained self-educating activities in order to gain new forms of knowledge,



skills, attitudes, and values. Every EU intervention aims to complement the efforts of Government of Balochistan. So far, 12,104 women in 10 districts of Balochistan have been trained in basic literacy course under the ALNS intervention of BRACE Programme.

Deputy Commissioner Washuk Mr Muhammad Yunas Sanjarani Chairs the Joint District Development Committee (JDDC)

Joint District Development Committee (JDDC) is convened to create synergies between the Rural Support Programmes (RSPs), Community Institutions and local administration/departments. This participative planning approach provides a learning platform for all actors concerned to avoid duplication of efforts and monitor rural development initiatives. Balochistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP) under European Union funded BRACE Programme held a JDDC meeting chaired by the Deputy commissioner Washuk, Mr Muhammad Yunas Sanjarani in which he was briefed on the progress of BRACE Programme in the region



1. Samina Naz (2003), "The Status of Female Education in Rural Balochistan," Impact: Making a difference, 290-297. Available at: https://ecommons.aku.edu/book_chapters/48

Repair and Renovation of the Government Girls High School in District Washuk

A new Community Physical Infrastructure Scheme (CPI) was inaugurated by the MPA from Washuk Mr Zabid Ali Reki. Under this scheme, the Government Girls High School was repaired and renovated with the financial support of the European Union. The inauguration ceremony was attended by local notables and community leaders. Mr Zabid Reki appreciated the efforts of the BRACE Programme in addressing the most pressing needs of the sparsely populated district. He also said that access to and quality of education in the district is far from promising. Low population density leaves a lot of settlements without schools



and within the existing schools the enrolment rate is poor due to missing facilities like drinking water and toilets. The repair and renovation of

the school costed PKR 1.67 million and will benefit children of the 83 households in union council *Zawag* of district Washuk.

EU Assisting the People Deprived of Basic Human Needs

Water scarcity remains one of the gravest challenges that Pakistan faces today. Pakistan ranks 3rd in the world when it comes to water shortage. The condition is far worse for the inhabitants of *Wadera Ameer Bakhsh*, a small village in Jhal Magsi, Balochistan. One of the aims of the European Union-Funded BRACE Programme is to develop Community Physical Infrastructures to assist people deprived of the basic human needs. BRSP took the initiative of setting up a drinking water supply scheme for the residents of Ameer Baksh.

The scheme benefits 304 individuals of 65 households with clean drinking water. This is an example of community-led development, where people are aided to identify their needs and provided with guidance to come up with a solution. These infrastructures have been managed, built, and maintained over time by the communities, who have also formed Operations and Management (O&M) committees to keep the schemes functional.



LSO Rahbar from Khuzdar Organises Mobile NADRA Van for 153 Women CNIC Registrations

Social mobilisation approach leads to community-driven development, as this approach works as a binding force in community to work for the greater good. BRACE Programme fostered Local Support Organisation *Rahbar* in district Khuzdar, organised a mobile NADRA van visit to their union council for CNIC registration of 153 women. BRACE Programme aims to organise rural communities to take self-help initiatives and develop linkages with the government departments.



NRSP - National Rural Support Programme

The Women of Kech Learn Sewing, Stitching and Embroidery Skills

Under the EU-Funded BRACE Programme, National Rural Support Programme (NRSP) completed the two-months long vocational training course where 45 women of poorest households learned sewing, stitching and embroidery skills. In a closing ceremony held on 21st May 2022, Training Completion Certificates and Toolkits were distributed among successful women graduates. Mr Abdullah Abdahoo, Divisional Director Social Welfare Department Makran was the chief guest. In addition, Mr Qadeer Luqman, Deputy Director Social Welfare Department Kech, Mr Nabeel Ahmed Regional Programme Manager NRSP Balochistan, Mr Nasir Usman SPO-HRD and other officials of NRSP attended the event. The trained women undertook to use the acquired skills and earn a dignified living. BRACE Programme is helping extremely poor households in Balochistan to graduate out of poverty through access to income generating opportunities.



Success Stories

Financial Inclusion of Secluded Women for Socio-Economic Empowerment

Since ages, the women in highly conservative and patriarchal society are conventionally marginalised and 'kept at arm's length' in all family issues, important decisions and social networking, let alone the financial matters. However, the situation is now changing gradually and the BRACE Programme communities are witnessing some radical changes with visible cracks in the traditional patriarchal strangleholds. Women are learning skills, running businesses and interacting with duty bearers and service providers. The women from ultra-poor and poor households are experiencing higher levels of socio-economic empowerment and their families are resultantly experiencing improved nutrition and food security.

This is story of Fatima Mola Dad, 56 and mother of 7 children (03 boys and 04 girls) who chose to break the shackles of poverty imposed on them by the society. She prevailed by overcoming her deprivation and seclusion and set an example for her fellow women. Hailing from an extremely remote and underserved *Municipal Corporation Turbat, UC Koshkalat Village Sotkal*



Bazar of Tehsil Turbat, District Kech, she was living with her miseries as the sole breadwinner of the family after the untimely death of her husband years back. She had to feed her children, as well as other members of her extended family. After the death of her husband, she started selling cooked beans (*Bakala*) in the local market, as this was the only skill she knew. To begin with, her monthly income was meager around PKR. 4,000, as she had limited resources to invest in her very nascent business. While she managed for some time to feed her children twice a day with this, her income was grossly inadequate to afford fruits, clothes, education and

proper medical treatment. She could not ask anyone for help, not only because of her self-respect but also because the entire community was living in the same deprivation & miserable condition.

While she was happy to at least raise her children on her own with dignity & without begging, she was always eager to tap any and all opportunities that could help her break the poverty nexus as her earning was not enough to meet her all needs. In the absence of any other social protection and support from her family, she knew she would have to take courage and do something big on her own for her children. The only hope that she could foresee was the native *CO Noor Baz (F) and VO* which were established months back under the EU Funded BRACE Programme and comprised of all poor women like herself. Since her baseline poverty score was 15, she qualified for an interest free loan of PKR. 30,000 through the pool of Community Investment Fund (CIF) to strengthen and expand her budding business of selling cooked beans in the local market. She was excited that she is going to get chance to transform her life and the lives of her children.

The day she got the loan, she went with her CO members and bought the raw materials and necessary crockery to add to her business. Months after setting up her business, she recalls the times when



she started getting good response from the market. It added to her confidence. She is now optimistic and managing her sales and purchases from local vendors on her own. The way she made efforts, before and after taking CIF, to live a dignified life has set precedence for other women to follow. She is currently earning around PKR. 12,000 a month from her simple business. This is three hundred times what she used to earn before investing CIF loan into her business. She said, "I had once learnt that 'money makes money', and now I have experienced that in person!"

Fatima is repaying the CIF loan installments timely and plans to educate her children so that they can live a better life. She attributes all this



Fatima earns enough to feed seven hungry mouths of her family

to the timely assistance of BRACE Programme and the unwavering support that she received from her community. She is determined to build on this little

opportunity to give her children a secure and decent future. The exposure and courage that she received from BRACE Programme will eventually drive her to graduate out-of-poverty very soon!

Using Skilled Hands to Break the Poverty Nexus!

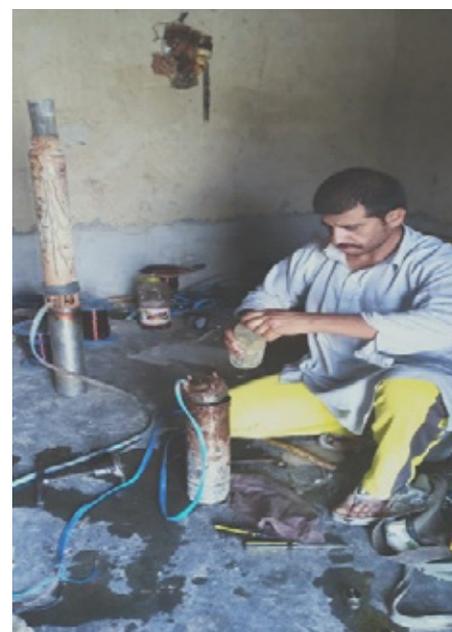
Mureed Ahmed, 35, is married and father of 5 children – four daughters and one son. He hails from a remote village of *Tijaban Mashriqi, Union Council Tijaban Tehsil Turbat, District Kech*. The village is on the border area adjoining Iran and deprived of very basic civic facilities. His father was a daily wager and

he could not afford educating his children including Mureed. Mureed had to leave school education early due to extreme poverty and became a daily wager for odd jobs to help his father make the both ends meet which was their sole purpose for decades. Their meager earning could only feed the family, let alone education & healthcare. Mureed got married, had children but situation didn't change. It rather added to his responsibilities. Despite having a strong desire for educating his children, he was unable to send them to school as he could not afford their education. His father passed away years back and he had to take care of his extended family as well because now he was the sole breadwinner.

entangled with. He took interest in the CO meetings and could feel that this forum will someday find him a way out to live a dignified life and bring some comfort to his family. During development planning of individual households/ members, he was offered a Technical & Vocational Skill Training. He had an aptitude to learn motor winding, as this business had a lot of potential in the area. He showed his willingness and obtained three-months training with the funding assistance of BRACE Programme.



Being one of the most deprived families of the village, his household was considered for membership in the *Community Organisation Khaliq Dad Bazar (M)* established by NRSP under the EU-Funded BRACE Programme. He joined the CO and found it an interesting forum as people talked about ways and means to improve quality of life and to end the vicious poverty cycle that he was



Since he had interest in the field and was also cognizant of the fact that this could be a lifetime chance for him to make his dreams come true, he learnt the skill zealously and passed the training course with distinction earlier in 2021.

After completing the training, he vowed to build on this opportunity and started a shop in a thatched hut in local small market. His skills, time

management, honesty and disciplined way of handling situations surprised the local communities and he started receiving orders frequently in no time. In less than a year, he is now well set and able to save PKR. 10,000 a month after meeting all the expenses of the shop. During summers, when electric motor winding cases are rampant, he became so busy that he is now planning to engage a few young and unemployed “Shagirds” on

apprenticeship as helping hands. This would not only open up employment opportunities for two more families, this would also help Mureed to expand his business. He is eager to payback to the local community who provided him an opportunity to graduate out of poverty. He plans to enroll his children in school. For him, life is still difficult, However, now he has a skill, a direction and the purpose to live a decent life.

BRACE Technical Assistant (TA)

Balochistan Local Government Act to Recognise Community Institutions

The Balochistan Local Government Act 2010 reforms were expected to be concluded in the third Quarter of 2021, but deliberations remained ongoing. In the meantime, first phase of the Local Government Bodies Election was held, and Local Councillors are in process of taking their positions. The BRACE TA team visited in June 2022, the Chair of the Assembly Sub

Committee on LG Reforms, and was re-assured that the amendment of LG Act Section 87 remained very much on the cards, and was expected to be adopted. The proposed amendment of the Balochistan LG Act 2010, section 87, will provide the crucial legal cover for Community Institutions and for the Community Led Local Governance (CLLG) Policy, which is being finalised

under the leadership of the Local Government and Rural Development Department (LG&RDD) and were submitted for adoption by the relevant GoB Competent Authorities. Finally, “Section 87 has been passed (August 2022) including the role of Community Institutions/CBO” as triggered by the BRACE Technical Assistance project.



On 23rd June 2022, the TA Team visited Mr Qadir Nayal, MPA and Chair Balochistan Assembly Sub-Committee on Local Government, to receive an update on the Local Government Act (LGA 2010) Reforms, in particular on the proposed inclusion of Section 87, on Mobilised Community Institutions as recognised institutional partners to the Local Councils and as part of the GoB Local Governance systems.

GoB Local Government Department Endorses final Draft of the CLLG Policy

DAI, the BRACE Technical Assistance (TA) partner facilitated continued discussions with all relevant GoB counterparts through the LG&RD Sector Coordination Committee (SCC), chaired by Secretary LG&RDD. The SCC involved all key departments; LG&RDD, Planning and Development Department, Social Welfare Department, Finance, Women Development Department and the Rural Support Programmes (RSPs) of Pakistan. The final draft of the Community-Led Local

Governance (CLLG) Policy, a CLLG Policy Framework, and the structure of the CLLG Policy Implementation Manual (PIM), with detailed procedures were tabled in the SCC meeting. The following topics were covered in the discussions: the GoB CLLG Financing Procedures, the Institutional Framework to Implement GoB CLLG Development Programmes, the Social Mobilisation Roadmap, the Joint District Development Committee (JDDC) ToRs and Guidelines, the District Development Strategy

and Planning Guidelines, a holistic approach to bottom-up socio-economic development & poverty alleviation, guidelines for Community Physical Infrastructures and the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, & Learning (MEAL). The SCC Meeting adopted the final draft of the Community-Led Local Governance (CLLG) Policy and CLLG Policy Framework for further processing and submission for adoption by the relevant GoB competent authorities.

Sectoral Coordination Meeting in progress



SCC Meeting held on 6th June 2022 at the Office of the Secretary LG&RDD

The Balochistan Community-Led Local Governance (CLLG) Policy

The Government of Balochistan (GoB) is developing an innovative governance framework to make the participatory democracy part of the governance systems at local level. This innovative and transformational governance framework titled “Community-Led Local Governance (CLLG) Policy” is being developed to strengthen the local government system by increasing its outreach and by integrating the voice of common people for their bottom-up development planning process. The CLLG Policy guides and triggers the possible synergies and linkages between the development initiatives of the Government and the empowered Citizens and Communities, thereby

making the GoB's poverty reduction efforts more effective and sustainable, and make social services delivery more effective and relevant, by responding to articulated community-identified priority-needs. By mobilising the community members themselves and their monetary and in-kind community resources, and by encouraging complementarity and synergy through co-financing/co-investments between GoB and Community Institutions (CIs) resources, the scope, size and quality of joint GoB/CI investments and of the GoB services delivery interventions can be increased. The lessons-learned and best-practices of the European Union-Funded

Balochistan Community Development Programme (BCDP 2013-2017) and the Balochistan Rural Development and Community Empowerment (BRACE) Programme (2017-2022) provided the key inputs for this GoB Community-Led Local Development Policy. The GoB CLLG Policy pursues the following principles: Transparency & Accountability, Subsidiarity and empowerment of Communities, an Institutional recognised position of the Community Institutions, Public Private Partnership (PPP) to seek synergy among all stakeholders, and proposed Capacity building to ensure that the transformative processes can be implemented. The CLLG Policy

framework has tremendous potential to attract donors' funds and will open a huge window of opportunity for GoB/ donors collaboration and co-funding,

which will transform the development landscape in Balochistan. The final draft of the GoB CLLG Policy was endorsed by a GoB Sector Coordination

Committee (SCC) in August 2022, and will be submitted for further processing and submission for adoption by the relevant GoB competent authorities.



Foreign Training for GoB Officials at The Hague (Netherlands) Academy of Local Governance

Foreign Training for Selected GoB Officials



Pre-departure briefing with GoB officials participating in the Short Training Course, “Citizen Participation and Inclusive Governance” at HAFLG organised at BRACE TA Office on 8th June 2022

Short Course on “Citizen Participation and Inclusive Governance” in progress at HAFLG, from 13th-24th June 2022

The EU-Funded BRACE TA Project facilitated the participation in the 2-weeks open-course on “Citizen Participation & Inclusive Governance” in June 2022 organised by The Hague Academy for Local Governance (HAFLG) for Secretary Local Government & Rural Development Department and Secretary Women Development Department. This capacity building

through foreign training for selected GoB officials falls under the capacity-building and training activity of Result Areas 3 and 5 of the BRACE TA project. The Hague Academy of Local Governance (HAFLG) in the Netherlands, is a globally reputed institute that provides capacity-development training (Open Courses) that are directly related to the BRACE TA

proposed CLLG Policy Reforms, which the TA and GoB are pursuing under the BRACE Programme. Upon their return, the two course participants will make a joint presentation on their learning-outcomes, and the relevance of this course for selected GoB stakeholders involved in the design of the proposed GoB Community-Led Local Governance (CLLG) Policy.



The European Union Funded

BRACE Programme

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