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.

Local Support Organisation Nigoredem from Union Council Balnigore in district Kech was formed on 22nd February 2019 by 2,244 members households organised into 171 Community Organisations and 22 Village Organisations. The leaders of LSO Nigoredem 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 communities in Balochistan by realising the power they gain from collective action. Organised women and men are now gaining awareness about their rights and making the service providers accountable and taking initiatives to improve their lives.

Local Support Organisation Nigoredem has played a vital role in the social linkages of the local community. Despite the importance of a local support organisation, limited empirical knowledge exists on the ground-level about such organisations. This case study seeks to fill this gap by exploring how LSO Nigoredem engages its target Union Council population in social services.
Construction of School Building and Washroom

Government Girls Primary School Diz Dar had limited classrooms and absence of washrooms made it hard for students. Students and teachers were facing difficulties due to unavailability of rooms and washroom. This was the reason students were leaving the school. In such situations, the girls had to leave the school one by one. When the villagers took this issue to the LSO Nigoredem executive body members meeting, they had assured their support.

After their meeting it was decided to address this issue on a high level. Finally, they had received funds to construct washrooms and a single room for the students. Funds were provided by NCHD and around 320 girls are now enrolled in the same school.

Water Supply Solar System

Union council Balnigore is among those UCs which are facing many issues, but the dearth of water is the major issue. As climate change has widely affected Balochistan but we can't see governmental action to resolve this problem. When people of the union council felt the shortage of water, they had only one platform to ask for help. They had a meeting with LSO leaders and the members assured them that they will help them out. LSO leaders held a meeting with Executive Engineer PHE Department. After that PHE department issued 1 water supply to solve the issue and today a total of 210 households are using the scheme for their daily use.