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 Sangea Ghar

District: Zhob
Union Council: Mir Ali Khail
Date of Formation: April 06 2019
Total Households in Union Council: 1,165
Organised Households: 912
Coverage: 78%
Number of Community Organisations (COs): 95 (43 Women)
Number of Village Organisations (VOs): 34 (05 Women)
Number of General Body Members: 95 (All men)
Number of Executive Committee Members: 12 (All men)

The leaders of LSO Sangea Ghar 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 men and women in Balochistan through realising the power they gain from collective action. Organised men and women are now gaining awareness about their rights, making the service providers accountable, and taking initiatives to improve their lives.

Construction of Funeral Home in Collaboration with the Local Government

The villagers requested the LSO leaders to resolve their problem by constructing a funeral for our village cemetery. The LSO leaders checked and estimated that it would cost millions of Pakistani rupees. Therefore, they decided to collect the amount through resource mobilisation, and for this, they held meetings with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary of their Union Council. They also had meetings with the
Local Government representatives and requested his favor for the allocation of funds. After a series of meetings, they contacted back the local government of district Zhob and received PKR 1.5 million for the said purpose after which the funeral home was built in the village cemetery.

**Construction of Foot Ball Ground in Collaboration with MPA**

The youngsters of village Bobi Irabzai held a meeting with the LSO regarding the football ground in the village. The aim of the meeting was to inform the LSO representatives about the demand for ground. The LSO contacted Minister Haji Mitta Khan Kakar and presented their proposal for a football ground for the boys of the village Bobi Irabzai.

Later, Minister Haji Mitta Khan Kakar set aside a fund of PKR 3.7 million for the village and union council and approved it for the village football ground. The ground was constructed in the month of November 2021.

**L/S Medical Camp with Livestock Officials District Zhob**

The LSO Sangea Ghar of UC Mir Ali Khail mentioned the disease in livestock goats and sheep. Therefore, they approached the livestock representatives, elected representatives, and local rich people for resource mobilisation. Then they held meetings with potential philanthropists and requested them the provision of vaccines to needy families for their livestock. As a result of their efforts, Deputy Director Livestock provided a medical camp for livestock to the LSO representatives, the camp was arranged in the village Mir Ali Khail in the month of December 2021 and the livestock was vaccinated.

**LSO Representative meeting with NADRA Official District Zhob**

The representatives of the Village Organisations under the LSO Sangea Ghar requested the LSO representatives to resolve the issue of CNICs as many villagers were not registered yet.

The LSO representatives visited the different villages of the union council, then they met with the district NADRA Officer Zhob and requested him to provide the NADRA Van to register the CNICs for the people of the UC. He ensured to provide the van after which 150 CNICs (42 male CNICs and 108 female) were registered.
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