LSO Initiatives

Local Support Organisation Sharqi Thal

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<th>Date of Formation</th>
<th>Total Households in Union Council</th>
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<td>Sharqi Thal</td>
<td>July 2nd 2018</td>
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<th>Coverage</th>
<th>Number of Community Organisations (COs)</th>
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<td>78%</td>
<td>62 (26 women COs)</td>
<td>32 (13 women VOs)</td>
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The representatives of **LSO Sharqi Thal** 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.

**Distribution of Water Tanks**

Sharqi Thal is a scattered union council where most of the people did not have water storage tanks, which results in the wastage of millions of gallons of water. The community members couldn't accumulate the water for their use. The LSO president and other bearers gathered and campaigned for the water tanks. The LSO requested many political and social figures to help in cash or kind to manage and distribute water tanks among poor households who did not have the financial capacity to purchase storage tanks. The campaign continued spanning over three months of struggle, they successfully managed PKR 0.1 million and purchased water tanks while many tanks were donated by political figures as well as philanthropists. The LSO managed to distribute Water tanks among 100 poor households.
**Tree Plantation**

LSO Sharqi Thal also took part in tree plantation; The LSO participated in tree plantation drives and vowed to sow 2,200 Trees in the union council. Trees are essential for healthy communities and people. The benefits that trees provide can help communities and ecosystems meet 15 of the 17 internationally supported United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Hence LSO bearers and the community is collectively working towards reaching these sustainability goals. Moreover, the region lacks trees and wildlife has also been affected due to the harsh environment in the Duki. The tree plantation drive is a vital initiative that benefits the environment in the future. These broad goals outline the greatest challenges of our time. An effective strategy to assist in meeting these goals is to plant and protect trees, especially in district Duki where many poor people live.

**Voters' Registration Campaign**

Voter registration is a key process for nominating the candidates of local government systems as the well overall election of the representatives. LSO office bearers took an active part in the voters' registration process, as many of the community members are unaware of the registration process and their vote wards. The LSO played a significant role in the registration of community members into electoral lists. As many as 668 people got their registration in the election commission as due process was followed by LSO executive members. LSO continued its registration process for two months and successfully registered voters. The BRACE programme has envisioned the community in ascertaining their rights because LSO's active role in such areas is beneficial to community development and organisation. LSO's active role in the registration process not only gave awareness to the people during their campaign of registration and data collection but also envisioned the CO and VO members that taking part in the election process was key to their future making. The LSO's remarkable work in these areas is key to development and community organisation.

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