LSO Hewad, from Killa Abdullah, Tehsil Gulistan, was formed on September 2, 2020, by 1,855 member households organised into 191 COs and 21 VOs. The leaders of LSO are planning Hewad and implementing development activities on a self-help basis and in collaboration with government agencies and other development partners in donor agencies. The EU-funded BRACE Programme empowers rural men and women in Balochistan by realising the power they gain from collective action. As a result, organised men and women are now gaining awareness about their rights, making the service providers accountable, and taking initiatives to improve their lives.

COVID-19

The LSO executive and general body members, through mutual understanding, developed strategies to help the ultra-poor of their union council. For this, they have made a committee of six to ten people to identify the needy members of the union council to help them out during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the pandemic, all business and other social and economic activities of the daily wages were closed due to fear of spreading the virus. So, during this period, all daily wagers faced a financial crisis and hardly
managed food for their family members twice. In these crises, LSO members collected amounts from Cis and purchased edible items to distribute to needy members. As a result, thirty-five families were facilitated through Ration.

Also, with their efforts, by approaching Hands International Organisation they managed to provide food items to 450 low-income families in their Union Council.

### Provision of Winter Kits

LSO facilitated eighty families through linkages with Qatar Charity and provided winter kits in Union Council Bostan.

### Arrangement of Electricity Transformer

LSO leaders took other self-help initiatives for the UC regarding the electricity Transformer for water supply in civil and railway colonies using the LSO platform. MPA provided an electricity transformer for the water supply, which proved a good help for the community members.

### Water Supply Scheme

The LSO conducted several meetings to solve the water issue in their Union Council and in this regard, they had a meeting with MPA Mr. Asghar Khan for water supply in Civil Colony, which the MPA considered, and provided a water supply scheme by which today ninety households are being benefitted from the clean water.