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 Organization Pashtoon Ittehade**

**District:** Killa Abdullah  
**Union Council:** Aghbarg  
**Date of Formation:** March 31, 2020  
**Total Households in Union Council:** 1,813  
**Organised Households:** 1,437

**Coverage:** 79%  
**Number of Community Organisations (COs):** 134  
(42 women's COs)  
**Number of Village Organisations (VOs):** 12  
(4 women's VOs)  
**Number of General Body Members:** 62  
(only men)  
**Number of Executive Committee Members:** 11  
(All men)

**LSO Pashtoon Ittehade** of Union Council Aghbarg is a rural union council of District Killa Abdullah Toba Ahakzai where the lack of basic needs and proper infrastructure in the area due to the education ratio is very low. Most of the community belongs to Agriculture and daily wage labour. Besides all these challenges, Local support Organisation, through self-help initiatives and linkages, try to facilitate the union council community at their doorstep by arranging Beneficiaries selection for food assistance Support by Islamic relief, Drinking, water tank for school children by the government, Ration distribution by WESS organization, Peace Aman committee in UC level, HPI (integrated outreach) Campaign.

**Beneficiaries selection Disk for Food Assistance**

LSO Executive body met with district level staff of Islamic relief to convince them to arrange a Food assistance programme in UC aghbarg where LSO executive body distributed food to 1,400 beneficiaries. UC Aghbarg community was very thankful to their LSO Pashtoon Ittehade for providing food to the vulnerable community.
Drinking Water Tank for the School

LSO Pashtoon Ittehade met with DC Kila Abdullah, Mr. Juma dad Mandokhial and guided him about the issue of clean drinking water in Killi Juma Khan school. The LSO executives requested DC to provide a drinking water tank for school children. They explained to DC that the school enrollment ratio is high but don’t have a drinking water facility. So they requested to District administration to provide a Water tank. DC approved one water tank for the target school of Killi Juma Khan.

Ration Distribution by WESS organization

LSO Pashtoon Ittehade met with the WESS organisation in Quetta for ration distribution in their UC aghbarg to facilitate vulnerable communities. As a result, LSO Pashtoon Ittehade received 500 ration packets for the community and distributed them to their UC.

HPI - Integrated Outreach

LSO Pashtoon Ittehade started an awareness campaign with the support of the EPI-Expanded program on Immunization in different VOs and COs areas to sensitize the community about the importance of Routine Immunization and Nutrition.
Peace Aman Committee

Due to illiteracy, local disputes among the community members on land, family relations, and other conflicts arise. As a result, both sides bear big losses in the shape of life, Agriculture, Land, and money. For this purpose, the LSO formed the Aman committee and selected members from the LSO executive body for Aman committees. The Aman committee resolved the dispute among the community through dialogues. Also, it noted these disputes in the LSO record. After resolving the dispute between both parties, they signed and stamped dispute resolution discussions in the presence of all the community elders. Since its formation, the Aman committee has resolved a total of 7 disputes of different natures.

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