



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 Kakar

<p>District</p>  <p><b>Loralai</b></p>	<p>Union Council</p>  <p><b>Tora Thana</b></p>	<p>Date of Formation</p>  <p><b>26-11-2019</b></p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council</p>  <p><b>1448</b></p>	<p>Organised Households</p>  <p><b>1119</b></p>	<p>Coverage</p>  <p><b>77%</b></p>
<p>Number of COs</p>  <p><b>111</b> 60 MEN'S, 51 WOMEN'S</p>		<p>Number of VOs</p>  <p><b>32</b> 16 MEN'S, 16 WOMEN'S</p>		<p># of General Body Members</p>  <p><b>60</b></p>	<p># of Executive Committee Members</p>  <p><b>15</b> 0 WOMEN</p>

LSO kakar of Union Council Tora Thana is rural union council of District Loralai which lacks basic needs and proper infrastructure. Therefore, agriculture and livestock are the main sources of income. Beside all these challenges, Local support Organisation through self-help initiatives and linkages with the government and donors try to facilitate community by providing basic facilities such as clean water, arranging medical camp, provision of ration, Livestock feeds, agriculture seeds and water for agriculture purpose.

### LSO Election

One of the best ways to ensure representation of the community needs is to elect the representative of the through consensus. During the election for the local support Organisation all the COs participated and elected their LSO executive body through hand raising process and formally elected the 15 members' executive body.



### Distribution of winter blankets and warm clothes by LSO executive body

At the start of winter season, the LSO body through linkages conducted several meetings with WESS (Water, Environment and Sanitation Society) for the provision of blankets and clothes funded by King Suleman Foundation to the community Union Council. The NGO provided the Blankets and warm clothes to LSO executives for 70 HHs, which were distributed to the community by LSO executives.



## Arranged a Medical Camp for Screening People for TB at the Union Council Level

The LSO executive body, upon seeing the lack of basic health facility among the community, requested health department for a medical camp in their UC. This request was approved and 130 people including 80 men and 50 women were screened for TB and other patients were diagnosed by the doctors and provided proper medical care.



## Distribution of Ration through King Suleman Foundation

The LSO has strong linkages with various government departments and the development sector Organisations working in their area. To provide sustenance support, the LSO executive body through linkages received ration packet from King Suleman foundation for 1000 HHs. The ration was distributed to 1000 poor HHs by Political Representative of Minister Haji Mohammad Khan and LSO executive body.



## Prepared Mask by LSO executives and distributed to Union Council

In response to COVID-19, LSO executives had launched awareness raising campaign at Union council and prepared handmade masks for the community members. LSO executives prepared About 450 Masks and distributed among organised community members.



## Seeds and Medicine Distributed among the Farmers at Union Council

Agriculture being the sole source of income for the households in the UC, the LSO executive body conducted meeting with District agriculture department and requested for seeds and pesticides for the farmers. Agriculture department provided seeds and pesticides for 30 farmers which were distributed among the members by LSO executives.



## Assistant Commissioner Along with LSO executives visited various BHUs at Union Council

Union council Tora Thana was facing serious concerns regarding health. LSO Kakar along with Assistant Commissioner Mr. Yaha khan visited BHUs at Union council Tora Thana to assess the availability of medicines and doctors, in order to improve the conditions of the health facility.



## Olive trees Visits by Agriculture staff on regular basis.

LSO executive members received 360 olive trees from Agriculture department and planted in union council. for inspection the agriculture staff regularly visits the olive trees to facilitate the community.



### Arranging Youth Events at Union Council Level.

LSO Kakar with the support of BRSP Organised mega sports event at the Union council where they invited Deputy Commissioner Mr. Assad Khan as a chief guest, Additional Deputy Commissioner Mr. Mohammad Ayoub, and all other line departments. Purpose of the event was to involve youth in the extracurricular activities. LSO executive conducted about 5 activities in different villages.



### Chief Executive officer PIDS Mr. Babar khan visited LSO office and also visited union Council scheme.

LSO Tora Thana has strong linkages with all line departments and NGOs due to which they were well facilitated. Participatory Integrated Development Society (PIDS) also initiated many projects at Union Council Tora thana in form of water ponds, Sewerage lines, drinking water supply scheme, TVET centers. The chief executive officer PIDS Mr. Babar khan visited LSO kakar office and discussed in details about the overall intervention at Union council also ensure his further support at union councils.



### Construction of Check dam through PIDS:

LSO through linkages constructed delay action dam at union council village Viala Teraga which benefited nearest villages. About 500HH benefited in the nearby villages.



### Construction of Water Ponds:

LSO through linkages constructed water ponds for agriculture purpose at different villages. Overall, 22 water ponds were constructed at multiple villages including (BAHAR WALA, GADH MALAZAI, WATAGAN MALAZAI, VIALA TERAGA, CHAPRI, CHINJAWALA, CHAMOZ, TAKADI, TORA THANA, KOTKI, AND WATAGAN HAMZAI.)



### Construction of Flood Protection wall with the support of BRSP.

During rains, the agricultural land and the houses were often flooded causing damage to property and loss of human lives. To address the issue, the LSO conducted meeting with BRSP officials requesting for a flood protection wall for village Baharwal which also a priority on their Village Development Plan (VDP). After technical and social feasibility assessment, BRSP provided a flood protection wall at village Baharwal now protects 524 during floods.



### Distribution of Income Generating Grants

LSO Tora Thana through BRSP received Income Generating Grants (IGGs) for the poor and deserving households at union council. Main purpose of IGGs to provide income support to deserving families. A total 57 beneficiaries received IGGs assets. During IGGs distribution, Deputy Commissioner Capt. (R) Fayaz Ali, Representative of Political party and Minister Haji Mohammad Khan and other line departments participated in the ceremony.



## Measles Campaign

During recent Measles Robella (MR) Campaign LSO Maraka executive body also took keen interest and visited door to door along with health department team to ensure complete vaccination at Union council level. Where the LSO executive body along with the health department team vaccinated 650 children.



## Facilitated PWDs with the support of BRSP

LSO through linkages with BRSP provided 15 wheel chairs, 15 tricycle and 1 Tri-motorcycle to poor beneficiaries of the Union councils.



## Muslim Aid provided winter clothes to 180 HH. s

Union Council LSO Kakra has been working to facilitate their community through various linkages. During winters they met with Muslim AID officials at district office where they distributed winter clothes to 180 HHs in the presence of Muslim aid at the union council.



## Peace Aman Committee

To address the issue of conflicts and disputes between communities, the LSO formed Aman committee and selected members from LSO executive body for Aman committees. The Aman committee resolves the dispute among the community through dialogues and also notes these disputes in the LSO record. After the initial dialogue a mutual resolution is signed between both parties in the presence of all the community elders. The Aman committee from formation till date has resolved a total of 08 dispute of different nature.



## Provided Sports kits to Union Council Sports Team

To engage youth in sports activities, LSO Kakar worked for the provision of land to the youth where the young community members take part in extracurricular activities. The LSO also arranges sports events and tournaments for the youth of the union council in which the youth actively participates. These tournaments are conducted by the LSO through their own savings and a total of 12 youth events have been held at different UCs.



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