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 Kumakkar

### LSO Information

- **District:** Kech
- **Tehsil:** Turbat
- **Union Council:** Saami
- **Date of Formation:** Dec 21, 2018
- **Total Households in Union Council:** 1,962
- **Organised Households:** 1,424
- **Number of General Body Members:** 32 (Male 11, Female 21)
- **Number of Village Organisations (VOs):** 08 (Male 03, Female 04)
- **Number of Community Organisations (COs):** 87 (Male 06, Female 74, Mixed 07 COs)
- **Coverage:** 73%

### Activities implemented through the EU funded BRACE Programme

- **Community Investment Fund (CIF) amount of PKR 1,116,000 disbursed to 229 households**
- **Income Generating Grant (IGG) amount of PKR 1,670,000 benefited 50 (all females) households**
- **07 Different Assistive devices provided to 47 Person with Special Needs**
- **Technical, Vocational and Educational Trainings (TVET) benefited 04 male and 30 female beneficiaries**
- **Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS) educating 93 female beneficiaries through 03 learning centres**
- **Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI) 05 schemes initiated (05 schemes completed and benefited 250 number of households)**
Activities Implemented through Self-Help and in Collaboration with Government and other Development Agencies: (By using their linkages)

1. Conducted **742 awareness sessions** educating **9,646 individuals** on **14 topics**
2. Planted **1,200 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **320 children (140 boys and 180 girls)** in school
4. Registered **1,200 CNICs, 1,400 B-forms, 10 Nikah Namas, and 07 death certificates** in the Union Council
5. Vaccinated **6,000 animals** with the help of Livestock Department
6. Linkages formed with (name of organisation/government departments) **Different Govt. Organisations, NGOs, FAO, Youth Organisation**

Leaders of the **LSO Kumakkar** are planning and implementing development activities both on self-help basis as well as in collaboration with government agencies. The EU-funded BRACE programme is empowering rural men and women in Balochistan by realising the power they gain from collective action. The organised members are gaining awareness about their rights, holding the service providers accountable and are also taking self-initiatives to improve their lives.

**Approval and construction of a Girls school**

District Kech, unlike the other parts of Balochistan is known for its education. The area has many educational institutes for both girls and boys but this part of Kech Saami, had no school for girls. The residents raised this issue and asked the LSO leaders to take it serious and try to sort it out as soon as possible.

The leaders of the LSO Saami, called a meeting and it was later decided in the meeting that they will visit the education department will demand a separate school for girls in the area. They held a meeting with the concerned authorities. The LSO leaders demanded for approval and construction of new school for girls as soon as possible. The education department was reluctant in the beginning but the leaders of LSO Saami kept on asking for the approval of the school. After quite a few meetings, they managed to get the approval for the school. The school was constructed within eight months and was funded by EU. The school going girls and their parents now do not have to worry about their kid's schooling as they are now having a school in their own village.