LSO Initiatives

Local Support Organisation Khushal Wala Akram

The leaders of LSO Khushhal Wala Akram 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 by 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.

Construction of the Funeral ground in Collaboration

The villagers requested the LSO leaders to resolve their problem by constructing a funeral area for the village cemetery. The LSO leaders checked and estimated that it would cost millions. Therefore, they decided to do resource mobilisation for the construction of the funeral. They first held meetings with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary of their Union Council. They then conducted meetings with the Tehsil Nazim and requested his favor for the allocation of funds using...
his discretionary power. After a series of several meetings, they were contacted by the Tehsil Nazim of Zhob and got PKR 2.5 million rupees for the funeral ground for the village, which was built in the village cemetery.

**Construction of Check Dam in Collaboration with the Irrigation**

The LSO representatives checked the proposed site of the Check Dam and estimated that it would cost in millions of rupees. Therefore, they decided to go for resource mobilisation for the construction of the Check Dam. They first held meetings with the Local representatives and requested them to allocate some funds for the construction of the Check Dam. They were able to convince the Local representative and he allocated PKR 40 million rupees for the construction of the dam. The construction work started in June 2019 and was completed in December 2019. From the Check Dam, 121 households are being benefited.

![Check Dam Image](image1)

**Construction of Karez scheme in Collaboration with the Irrigation Department**

The villagers of Lomina Wala Akram called a meeting with LSO and requested the LSO representatives for the construction of a Karez to resolve the issue of agriculture and safe drinking water. The LSO representatives checked the proposed site of the area and estimated that it would cost PKR 1 million rupees. Therefore, they first held meetings with the Local representatives and requested them to allocate some funds for the construction of the Karez. Through resource mobilisation, the LSO members were able to collect the estimated amount for the construction of the Karez. Today, 135 households are being benefited from it.

![Karez Image](image2)

**Road Repairing**

The LSO representatives had a meeting regarding the road of Wala Akram which is in worst condition and decided to repair it by themselves. The LSO representatives visited the site and surveyed it for construction on a self-help basis. They started work on the road together and repaired it within two days by themselves. The road is being used by 710 households in the area. The villagers later thanked the LSO Khushhal Wala Akram representatives for their great efforts.

![Road Image](image3)