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 Pathankot**

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- **Coverage**: 56%
- **Number of Community Organisations (COs)**: 53 (23 women's COs)
- **Number of Village Organisations (VOs)**: 15 (6 women's VOs)
- **Number of General Body Members**: 53 Only Men
- **Number of Executive Committee Members**: 16 Only Men

The LSO facilitated communities through self-help initiatives and linkages by giving awareness, water facility, CNIC registration, School enrolment and tree plantation Campaign.

### Distribution of Ration to Beneficiaries

Almost every person of the Union Council Pathankoot is dependent on agriculture and livestock as their income source. For this purpose, the LSO always tries to facilitate their community by creating linkages with Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and other agencies. Through these linkages, they provided ration and household materials to 500 poor families.
Meeting with SSP for illegal water boring

LSO executive body conducted a meeting with SSP Police department along with other executive members. In the meeting, the issue of illegal boring at UC Pathankot by farmers was discussed. They highlighted the issue of illegal boring because the water level is decreasing day by day due to which the availability of clean drinking water is at stake. For this purpose, the SSP assured his support to act against illegal borings.

Meeting with Teachers during the Election Campaign

The LSO executive body members were also involved actively in the election awareness campaigns where they conducted several meetings with teachers for the registration of voters, selection of polling stations, and awareness regarding the process.

Participation in Health Training at District Level

The LSO Executive Body members participated actively in the training on health, education, and awareness at the district level. The Executive Body members actively engaged in all the training sessions and to further deliver this training to the community.

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