



Implemented in Collaboration with the Local Government and Rural Development Department, Government of Balochistan

ISSUE: 76

AN UPDATE ON THE WORK OF LOCAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS



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 Palos Kalan

District: Duki	Union Council: Palos Kalan	Date of Formation: June 05 2020	Total Households in Union Council: 971	Organised Households: 694
Coverage: 78%	Number of Community Organisations (COs): 75 (36 women COs)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs): 35 (14 women VOs)	Number of General Body Members: 18 (All men)	Number of Executive Committee Members: 12 (All men)

The representatives of **LSO Palos Kalan** 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 through 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.

Distributed Ration Packages in 40 Households

Union Council Palos Kalan was recently hit by catastrophic floods. The LSO responded by contacting the district administration and some relief packages were provided by the district administration, whereas relief Packages among 40 Households were distributed by the LSO. This is the most scattered union council where most of the people did not have the voice to inform the authorities for their help, but LSO demonstrated a responsible action by distributing the relief packages. The LSO General Secretary Mr. Kala Khan and other members gathered and campaigned for the flood victims. The LSO requested many political and social figures to help in cash to manage and distribute relief goods among poor households who did not have the financial capacity to immediately administer food. The campaign continued spanning over two weeks. Forty most vulnerable households were provided the goods while the campaign continued for the rest whose houses collapsed during the intense rains and floods.



Tree Plantation Drive

LSO Palos Kalan also took part in tree plantation; The LSO participated in tree plantation drive and vowed to sow 2200 Trees in the union council under billion Tree Tsunami Programme, however, 1900 Trees were planted by the LSO this year. LSO bearers and community is collectively working towards reaching these sustainability goals as green region is essential to their environment. Moreover, the region lacks trees and wildlife has also been affected due to harsh environment in the Duki and tree planation has always been neglected. Tree plantation drive is vital initiative which will benefit the environment in future. These broad goals outline the greatest challenges of our time. An effective strategy to assist in meeting these goals is to plant and protect trees, especially in district Duki where it is needed the most.



Voters' Registration Campaign

LSO bearers took an active part in the voter registration process, as many community members are unaware of the registration process and their vote wards. The LSO bearers played a significant role in the registration of the CIs members into electoral lists. As many as 668 people got their registration in the election commission's voter list as due process was followed by LSO executive members. Voter

registration is a key process of nominating the candidates of local government systems as well as the overall election of the representatives. Therefore, such steps on the part of LSO illustrate their active role in community mainstreaming and organisation. Active civic engagement, including voting and contribution to the health and economic vitality of local communities. Moreover, Self-governance is the key concept of the BRACE programme because this will enable them to take part in community-driven development. LSO continued its registration process for two months and successfully registered voters. The BRACE has envisioned the community in ascertaining their rights because LSO's active role in such areas is beneficial to community development and organisation.



Community Awareness Toolkit (CAT) Sessions

The Community Awareness Toolkit (CAT) sessions are mobilising community members to understand the significance of health and hygiene practices in recent days. The CRP recently gave sessions on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) which is essential in the reduction of the risk of any disasters. CAT sessions and the role of Community Resource Persons (CRPs) have engaged community members in effectively ascertaining the significance of health and hygiene practices. The Community Organisations have vowed to adopt the measures mentioned in the CAT manual and the address being provided by the CRPs on daily basis.

Reported by: Asad Khan, M&E Officer, Duki, BRSP
Compiled by: Muhammad Idrees Khan, Young Development Professional, BRACE-RSPN
Acknowledgment: Akbar Khan Achakzai, Manager-HID, BRSP
Haseena Ibrahim, Capacity Building Officer-HID, BRSP
Edited by: Sanober Shaikh, Documentation & Reporting Officer, BRACE-RSPN

THE LSO INITIATIVES SERIES IS BY THE RURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMMES NETWORK 



EUROPEAN UNION

"This publication was produced with the financial support of the European Union. Its contents are the sole responsibility of. Rural Support Programmes Network (RSPN) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the European Union."

More information about the European Union is available on:

-  https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/pakistan_en
-  EUinPakistan
-  EUpakistan



Balochistan Rural Development and Community Empowerment (BRACE) Programme
IRM Complex, 3rd Floor. Plot# 7, Sunrise Avenue
(Off Park Road), Near COMSATS University, Islamabad, Pakistan
Phone: +92-51-8491270-99, Fax: +92-51-8351791

-  www.rspn.org | www.brace.org.pk
-  www.facebook.com/BRACEProgramme
-  www.twitter.com/BRACE_BRSP
-  www.linkedin.com/company/brace-programme
-  www.instagram.com/braceinbalochistan
-  BRACE Programme in Balochistan