LSO Initiatives

Local Support Organisation AL-Khidmat, Nasar Abad 1

The representatives of **LSO Nasar Abad 1** 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 also taking initiatives to improve their lives.

**Safety Awareness Campaign and Provision of Safety Helmets to Coal Mines Labours**

District Duki is one of the most familiar districts of Balochistan, where natural coal mines exist in bulk quantity and almost every household member is working in coal mines and this is only the best source of income of the UC Nasar Abad 1. The LSO executive body member arranged safety awareness campaign in coal mines area and provided awareness session to the labors regarding safety and protection from sudden incidents in coal mines.

The community members brought up the issue of lack of safety helmets with coal mine labors due to which they face many challenges and risk during working in depth of coal mines. A number of safety helmets were distributed to coal mines labors with the collaboration of LSO Nasar Abad 1.

Safety Helmets Distribution by LSO
mine labors who go down at least 2000 to 4000 feet deep inside a coal mine which is most dangerous step for the labors. The LSO leaders discussed the issues with a charity worker (Mukher Hazrat) and asked him for safety helmets. As a result of this coordination, the LSO leaders were able to distribute 600 safety helmets for 600 labors.

**Activities During The COVID-19 Pandemic**

As the COVID-19 pandemic hit Pakistan, a country-wide lockdown was imposed by the Govt. During the lockdown, the organized communities of LSO Nasar Abad 1 played a vital role combating the COVID-19 pandemic. The key activities conducted by the LSO Nasar Abad 1 regarding the COVID-19 are given below:

1. The LSO leaders were trained by health department, and awareness sessions were conducted regarding the raising cases of Covid-19. The leaders were educated about the trace, test and quarantine (TTQ) module.

2. The community resource person (CRP) delivered awareness sessions on COVID-19 during their routine community awareness toolkit (CAT) sessions with community organization (COs). During the sessions community members were educated about the sign and symptoms about the corona virus diseases precautionary measures to be taken to keep themselves safe from viral infection and TTQ measures in case of infected person in their families and neighborhood.

3. The LSO leaders carried out the awareness raising campaigns across the UC through loudspeaker announcements. They educated people on avoiding crowded places, keeping distance, wearing face masks and following all the SOPs recommended by the Government.

4. They also distributed ration worth PKR 460000, among 91 poor households received from the AL-Khidmat Foundation through linkages.

**Arranged Iftar Party for 277 Labors Through Linkages from Al-Khidmat Foundation**

Most of the residents of union council Nasar Abad 1 are coal miners or daily wage earners. As a good will gesture, the LSO leaders in their monthly meeting decided to arrange an Iftar party for the least privileged residents of the area. Using their linkages, the LSO leaders arranged an Iftar party through the Al-Khidmat Foundation where 277 labors including coal miners and daily wage earners were fed one-time meal for free.

**Distribution of Eidi Meat Among 200 Poorest Household Through Linkages from Al-Khidmat Foundation**

LSO Nasar Abad 1 leaders and representatives are working day and night for the poorest household in the UC and this is the LSO aims to reduce the poverty in its UC as well as in the district Duki. On Eid Ul Adha, LSO leaders using their linkages with the AL-Khidmat foundation and nominated the 200 poor households of the UC Nasar Abad 1 and were able to get them meat as Eidi (Eidi is something given or received from others on the occasion of Eid) through the AL-Khidmat Foundation.