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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 Nasarabad 2

District: Duki	Union Council: Nasar Abad 2	Date of Formation: March 20 2020	Total Households in Union Council: 677	Organised Households: 526
Coverage: 78%	Number of Community Organisations (COs): 64 <small>(32 women COs, 32 Male COs)</small>	Number of Village Organisations (VOs): 18 <small>(10 Male, 8 women VOs)</small>	Number of General Body Members: 18 <small>(All men)</small>	Number of Executive Committee Members: 12 <small>(All men)</small>

The representatives of **LSO Nasarabad 2** 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.

Flood Relief Operation

District Duki is prone to torrential rains and floods that affects setbacks to the economic growth. Most of the houses are built from Mud which collapsed during the continuous torrential rain and floods earlier this year. LSO identified 22 Households who were affected by the torrential rains during the monsoon season, their houses were badly damaged and they had to migrate. LSO President along with district administration distributed relief goods among poor beneficiaries amid door-to-door packages were distributed in community in this regard. The community members thanked LSO in the emergency response.

The LSO as a representative organization of the union council distributed relief packages provided by the government.



School Enrollment

Education is the backbone of any nation. In the current year, LSO Nasarabad 2 enrolled some 36 students in schools; The LSO is well aware of the goal no 4 of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) that ask the need to provide quality education. LSO has been actively prophesying the significance of education for a healthy and intellectual society. There was a time when none of the bodies were paying attention towards education but now LSO has assumed it's self as a responsible representative of the union council, exemplifies their active involvement under the BRACE programme. The LSO in collaboration with the education department played its role to enroll students, along with the admission drive, emphasis is also being laid on improving the condition of schools and launching tree plantation campaigns in schools by the LSO.



TVST Beneficiaries

As we can see that Women are the most neglected segment in society, and when it comes to remote areas where religious extremism prevails as a factor, it becomes a challenge for the



programme to intervene in such environment and produce some positive change, particularly, women empowerment remains to be unaddressed in far flung districts, district Duki comes with the relevant challenges, the BRACE team and LSO identified potential participants whom could be trained in TVST, and after training, they are actively earning, earlier there were no opportunities, now each trained in TVST have enough skills to sew clothes and earn a livelihood income. Since women were encouraged to take part in TVST, they have no impediments and smoothly working in their respective villages. Under the BRACE programme, the TVST participants received their toolkits enabling them to work for their own income, illustrates the change through the BRACE programme. Women participation in such livelihood income was made possible through the LSOs members.

Distribution of Water Tanks

Nasarabad 2 is a remote union council where the poor people do not have resources and capacity to store water, The community members couldn't accumulate the water for their use, The LSO president and other bearers gathered and campaigned for the water tanks. The LSO requested many political and social figures to help in cash or kind to manage and distribute water tanks among the poor households who did not have the financial capacity to purchase storage tanks. The LSO members campaigned for the poor and deserving households who required water tanks and



received 0.15 million cash and purchased water tanks. The LSO managed to distribute Water tanks among 12 poor households. There are yet a lot of poor households who need to be provided with the water tanks, so the LSO is making deliberations to various philanthropists, donors and government to grant water tanks so they can distribute and facilitate as much as much residents as possible.

380 LLINs distributed by LSO

Under the malaria control programme (MCP), using their linkages, the LSO under Red-Crescent and Indus Hospital distributed Long Lasting Insecticide Bed Nets (LLINs) in the targeted union council, as the increasing cases of Malaria were being reported and prevention was inevitable. The LSO distributed 380 LLINs in Malaria prone region to save the households from such fatal diseases.

Ensuring the Hygienic Condition in Union council

Clean and Safe environment is need of the hour, currently as we can see that most of the regions don't consider the significance of SWM, considering it an urban thing, but such efforts are mandatory to produce the sense of clean and safe environment even in open areas, rural areas or concerning regions. The LSO initiated campaign to clean the Mohalla (residential area is called Mohalla) of their union council ensuring safer environment and reduce the risk of malaria. The LSO invited local government and Municipality to ensure clean and hygienic condition by removing wastes from the sanitations which could avoid the breeding of bulk of mosquitoes, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated them during the LSOs meeting.

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