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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 Shamoze

District: Khuzdar	Union Council Hadir Kush	Date of Formation Feb 10 2020	Total Households in Union Council 1,087	Organised Households 886
Coverage 82%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 96 <small>COs 54 Male 42 Female</small>	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 22 <small>VOs 11 Male, 11 Female</small>	Number of General Body Members 33 <small>Male 0 Female</small>	Number of Executive Committee Members 11 <small>Male 04 Female</small>

LSO Shamoze is actively planning and implementing development activities on soft and hard both are 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 realizing the power they gain from collective action. Organized men and women are now gaining awareness about their rights.

Linkages with Health Department

Last year in July, there were different pandemic diseases in the whole Union council, like Diarrhoea and malaria. In this regard the members of LSO Hadir kush executive body, took notice of the situation and planned to coordinate with the Govt.'s health department. Soon LSO formed a committee for coordination with health department, immediately after that the committee visited and conducted a meeting with BHU Shamoze and oriented the medical staff about the speeded diseases, and meanwhile asked the DHO for his extended support to the BHU Shamoze tehsil Zehri.



Without wasting any time, the BHU Medical team visited the wide villages of entire Union council in the supervision of LSO Shamoze executive members.



Repair and constructed the link road

Union Council Haider Kush is the most backward Union Council of Tehsil Zehri. There is no communication system. There is just a dilapidated and rocky road that connects the entire Union Council to Tehsil Zehri.

Prior to the formation of the local support organization, the community of Union Council Haider Kush faced many obstacles and difficulties while traveling. They were worried about the condition of the road and were not able to solve the problem. LSO Shamoze had a special meeting regarding the condition of the road that connects the entire Union Council. In the meeting Mr. Zahoor Ahmed president of LSO Shamos informed all the participants about the link road and its importance, all the participants discussed and argued on this issue, finally they decided to start working on the road by themselves. A week later they started working. They removed the big stones from the road and completely repaired the road.



Registration of Ultra Poor in Ehsas Kafalat Programme

During the COVID-19 pandemic all the opportunities of livelihood had been postponed during the lockdown. When the Ehsas programme started in Pakistan, LSO Shamoze registered 50 extremely poor families in Ehsas Kafalat programme. Beneficiaries of the Ehsas Kafalat programme continued to benefit from the programme. Shamoze LSO held a meeting focusing on extremely poor families to discuss how LSO could further help these poor families during the COVID-19. It was finally decided and assigned responsibilities to some of the responsible members of the LSO that they would register new, extremely poor families, So maximum families can be accommodated in the Ehsas Kafalat programme..



Building of Protection and Water Storage Wall

There are two villages in union council of shamoze, where there is no single source of water. The population of these two villages fetched water from miles away, drinking water is the biggest issue of these two villages, the leaders of LSO shamoze with the concept of helping their community from the problems of fetching water from miles away conducted meeting focusing the issues of both villages.

After the meeting LSO decided to construct a Stonewall to store the rainwater for maximum time. That the rainwater can be stored for some months. So, for a while people will have easy access to the water. Finally, LSO constructed a Stonewall for storing rainwater with the self- help.



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