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AN UPDATE ON THE WORK OF LOCAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS

LSOs?

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.

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LSO Initiatives

Local Support Organisation Talar

District:	Union Council	Date of Formation	Total Households in Union Council	Organised Households
Khuzdar	Parko	Feb 14 2020	2,369	1,877

Coverage	Number of Community Organisations (COs)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs)	Number of General Body Members	Number of Executive Committee Members
77%	156 96 Male 60 Female	51 30 Male, 21 Female	30 Male 04 Female	11 Male ,2 Female

*The **LSO Talar** 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 Program 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.*

Combating with COVID-19

The corona virus not only spread rapidly across the world but also in Pakistan. At that time, the LSO was newly formed, during this critical time, LSO realizing its responsibility, immediately called a meeting of its executive body, thinking of steps to protect the entire community of the union council from this deadly disease.

Immediately after the meeting, the LSO contacted its field unit to educate people about the precautions regarding the virus. The LSO, through its Union Council Main Loudspeaker, reached out to people in every village on how to prevent spread of the corona virus.

In addition, in mosques announcements were made through loudspeakers regarding precautions and virus control.

Keeping in view the precautionary measures, the LSO conducted immediate meetings at the village level, especially on the use of masks and sanitizers.

Repair and constructed the link road

The Union Council Parko is a backward Union Council of Tehsil and district Khuzdar. There is Very poor communication system specially roads and infrastructure.

Before the local support organization, the residents of Union Council Parko faced many obstacles and difficulties in traveling from village Alangi to village Ghaffar Abad. It was possible to travel by four wheelers only and the people were unable to solve the problem. When the LSO Talar formed, six months later LSO Talar held a special meeting the situation of the road that connects the two main villages of the Union Council and its solution. In the meeting Mr. Muhammed Ameen president of LSO Talar 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 with self-help. Within two weeks, they started work. They removed the big stones by tractor from the road and made it easy to travel on.

Tree Plantation

In continuation of green Pakistan and billion tree plantation, the LSO Talar added there share in this regard. The LSO Talar is doing the tree plantation from the previous three years. Apart from this, the LSO Talar raised campaign about tree plantation and protection of forest in whole union council. With the support of BRSP and agriculture department the LSO Talar planted 2000 different kind of plants in the whole Union council.

Water facility for the Government girls primary School

The Union Council Parko has the most extensive and barren land which makes the availability of drinking water very difficult in the entire Union Council. Apart from this, drinking water facility is almost unavailable in schools. To tackle the issue of lack of drinking water facilities, the LSO Talar decided that they will provide drinking water facility to Govt Girls Primary School Alangi from its resources. Finally, the LSO provided drinking water to the Government Girls School from a distance of about 900 feet.

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