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Baluchistan Rural Development and Community Empowerment (BRACE) Programme is supported by the European Union (EU) and implemented in close collaboration with the Local Government and Rural Development (LGRD) Department of the Government of Baluchistan (GoB). The Grant component of this five-year (2017-2022) Programme is implemented by Rural Support Programme Network (RSPN), National Rural Support Programme (NRSP) and Baluchistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP) in nine districts of Baluchistan, namely Jhal Magsi, Quetta, Miran Shah, Turbat, Pishin, Dera Guchik and Zhob. The Programme is technically supported by Human Dynamics (HD), an Austrian company that will support GoB in fostering an enabling environment for strengthening the capacities of local authorities to manage and involve communities in the statutory local public sector planning, financing and implementation processes.

The overall objective of BRACE Programme is to support the Government of Baluchistan in reducing the negative impact of economic deprivation, poverty and social inequality, environmental degradation and climate change, and to turn this into opportunities to build and empower resilient communities participating actively in identifying and implementing socio-economic development activities on a sustainable basis in partnership with local authorities. Under the BRACE Programme, 23 million Pakistani rupees (PKR) or all households in 368 urban councils (UCs) will be identified and organized into a network of people's own institutions, i.e. 124 Community Organizations, 310 Village Organizations, 249 Local Support Organizations (LSOs) and 34 150 Networks at tribal level and over 500 Networks at district level. Once organized, the communities will have greater access to local authorities and the departments as a collective unit, giving them a stronger voice to have their demands heard. The Community Institutions will then prepare their own development plans in consultation with local authorities and these communities will be made financially viable through generation of community investment fund to 23,550 poor households, to start/boost up their businesses for income generation. Approximately 14,000 community members, especially women, will be provided technical and vocational education training and literacy and numeracy skills to increase economic opportunities and employability. The communities will be facilitated to build and manage 363 community based physical infrastructure schemes and more than 16,000 poorest member households will be provided with income-generating assets and maize health insurance to safeguard them against health and economic shocks.

By the end of the Programme, it is expected that at least 25% of the poor household will see an improvement in their income, at least 50% of the households will graduate from the lowest to upper poverty score card level, at least 50% of the households of the targeted areas will report improved access to basic social services and at least 10% of members of community institutions and beneficiaries of socio-economic interventions are women. Moreover, by 2018 a policy framework for community-led development will be developed and adapted by GoB and public finance management reform process will be initiated in the province.

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