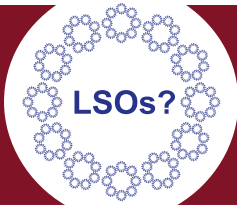




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AN UPDATE ON THE WORK OF LOCAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS













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 Nana Sahib Ziarat

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| District:  Duki | Union Council:  Thal Chotiyali | Date of Formation:  Feb 12 2019 | Total Households in Union Council:  1,114 | Organised Households:  855 |
| Coverage:  77% | Number of Community Organisations (COs):  81 <small>(37 women COs)</small> | Number of Village Organisations (VOs):  45 <small>(21 women VOs)</small> | Number of General Body Members:  44 <small>(All men)</small> | Number of Executive Committee Members:  20 <small>(All men)</small> |

The members of **LSO Nana Sahib Ziarat** 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 taking initiatives to improve their lives.

Activities against COVID-19 Pandemic

As the COVID-19 pandemic hit Pakistan. The government of Pakistan and the Balochistan Rural Support Programme fostered a partnership to combat the pandemic. LSO Nana Sahib Ziarat members played a vital role during the COVID-19 pandemic the key activities conducted by the LSO Nana Sahib Ziarat regarding the COVID-19 are given below:

1. The LSO leaders received training from Government Health Department on awareness raising for the COVID-19 virus and Trace, Test, and Quarantine (TTQ) activities.



2. A community resource person (CRP) delivered awareness on COVID-19. during their routine community awareness toolkit (CAT) session with the community organisation (CO). during the session, community members were educated about the sign and symptoms coronavirus. precautionary measures to be taken to keep themselves safe from viral infection and TTQ measures in case of an infected person in their families and neighborhood.
3. The LSO leaders carried out awareness-raising campaigns across the UC. through loudspeaker announcements they educated people on avoiding crowded places, keeping distance, wearing face masks, and recommended SOPs by the Government.
4. LSO leaders also distributed 550 masks and 100 sanitisers through linkages. Which they had received from the Health Department.



Distribution of Ration among 350 Poor HHs with Collaboration of PDMA

COVID-19 affected the livelihood and economic aspects of UC Thal Chotiyali. people were facing many problems regarding basic food commodities. LSO Nana Sahib Ziarat identified poor households and with the collaboration of PDMA, the ration was distributed among the poor families.



Senator Sardar Shafiq Tareen Donated 15 Water Tanks to LSO for Distributing to Needy HHs

The Senator Donated 15 Water Tanks to LSO for distribution among the needy. LSO distributed Water

tanks among 15 HHs who could be benefitted from the water tanks. The Water tanks had a capacity of 400 Gallons, and the approximate price of the water tank was Rs. 15000 per tank. The Water tanks were given to needy households that did not have the capacity to store water.



Approval of Ambulance for Union Council

The LSO made a lot of deliberations for approval of Ambulance as high cases of maternal mortality were reported. Union Council is 80KM away from the city and the road is dilapidated. An ambulance was the dire need of the union council for swift shifting of the ailing patients for treatment. LSO influenced tribal leader Sardar Masoom Khan Tareen who is an influential tribal leader. He tendered his support and put a proposal to the governor of Balochistan for the provision of an Ambulance. The governor approved one ambulance for the UC which is under the custody of LSO. The ambulance is easily accessible to the poor patients of UC. The ambulance not only provides carriage to the city hospital, but also serious patients are taken to inter-province for treatment.



LSO Struggle for Approval of Transformers

LSO has been playing an effective role in identifying development schemes. The LSO leaders informed Member National Assembly Sardar Israr Tareen regarding the need for 3 electricity transformers. Low voltage and insufficient power supply had affected the livelihood of people. The LSO leaders put a proposal to the Member

National Assembly for the need of the UC. The MNA approved three transformers at the request of LSO. The total cost of the 3 transformers was PKR 900,000.



Three Days Camp to combat Hepatitis Diseases (350 patients vaccinated)

In every aspect of life LSO Nana Sahib Ziarat had built strong coordination with Govt departments and other stakeholders. for the sack of UC development in the wake of increased cases of hepatitis diseases. LSO leaders coordinated with the health department. they demanded a medical camp for checkups and testing for hepatitis disease. The LSO achieved a greater result of vaccination and as many as 350 patients were identified and vaccinated against the fatal diseases.



Long Lasting Insecticide Bed Nests (LLINs) distributed by LSO received from BRSP

Under the MCP BRSP programme, the LSO in collaboration with the Red-Crescent and Indus Hospital



distributed Long Lasting Insecticide Bed Nests (LLINs) in the target UC. as the increasing cases of Malaria were being reported and prevention was inevitable. Provision of a total of 8,100 LLINs in Malaria prone regions saves the households from such fatal diseases. It is worth mentioning to say that six malaria testing centers are running under the MCP program BRSP.

Children Enrollment Campaign by LSO Nana Sahib Ziarat

Education is the basic right of every human and to promote education in the UC Thal Chotiyali, the LSO leaders arranged a children's enrollment campaign. They coordinated with the education department, and this resulted in the enrollment of sixty boys and five girls in different schools.



Safe and healthy delivery of a poor lady

The LSO collected an amount of PKR 20,000 from various social persons. The aim was to help a poor woman who did not have money to for her delivery. The amount was paid to her for her safe delivery of the baby. The LSO set an example for humanity.

Received Ration for 70 HHs from Duki Aman Tehrik

LSO leaders coordinated with the head of Duki Aman Tehrik and requested the ration for poor households in the Union Council. As a result of this coordination, the LSO delivered rations to 70 poor families during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.



LSO Nana Sahib Ziarat plays a vital role to eliminate Polio from the UC. DHO Duki coordinated with LSO leaders for the facilitation of the polio teams. LSO leaders assured their full support to DHO with Polio team the Polio.

Teams were facilitated in the UC to accomplish their target in far-flung villages. The LSO is taking an active part in Polio Eradication Campaigns as well EPI initiatives.



Tree Plantation Drive

Trees and greenery play a very important role in a pleasant environment. while UC Thal Chotiyali is the most heated area in the district during the summer temperature goes to 45 degrees. 200 trees plantation drive was initiated by



LSO in March 2021 and 300 trees were planted in a year. LSO took a lead role in the plantation campaign and produced a sense of the significance of the tree and the benefits of the tree plantation.



Ensuring Hygiene in UC with the Collaboration of Local Government

Another issue that came to the notice of the LSO leaders was the garbage piles of solid waste at different sites in the streets and on roadsides across the UC. causing air pollution and spreading various diseases. Moreover, after a shower of rain, the garbage areas used to become ponds of dirt and slush. people faced serious problems walking and driving in those areas. LSO called a meeting of the LSO executive body for the purpose of cleanness of the union council. they have discussed that in many areas' garbage is available in the street. passengers are facing many troubles and issues during crossing streets. LSO initiated a campaign to clean the environment and fix the garbage. The LSO invited the Local Government to ensure clean and hygienic conditions in the UC. This was a great initiative to ensure a clean and safe environment.

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