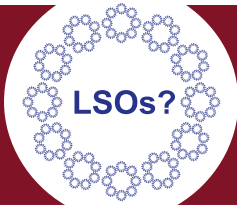




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AN UPDATE ON THE WORK OF LOCAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS



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 Organization Zamindar

District: Killa Abdullah	Union Council: Habibzai 01	Date of Formation: 20 2019	Total Households in Union Council: 1,384	Organised Households: 880
Coverage: 64%	Number of Community Organisations (COs): 105 <small>(53 Women COs)</small>	Number of Village Organisations (VOs): 33 <small>(15 women's VOs)</small>	Number of General Body Members: 58 <small>(only men)</small>	Number of Executive Committee Members: 11 <small>(All men)</small>

Leaders of **LSO Zamindar** 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 Baluchistan 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.

Enrollment Walk for School Admissions

The leaders with the help of LSO members arranged awareness sessions at the Union Council level every year. focusing on different issues including different sectors, and sharing knowledge regarding the importance of education, more over an education campaign was also run by the LSO Members in coordination with UC dignitaries which created a good impact on the communities as a result people enrolled their children in schools.



Resource Mobilisation for the Students

In Union Council Habibzai 1, the LSO members in collaboration with well-known personalities of the UC arranged free Books, notebooks, uniforms, and other educational accessories for the children who belonged to poor families and were unable to afford the educational expenses of their children.



Inauguration of Library

The leaders of the LSO Zamindar inaugurated a library in the Union council Habibzai 1 by the Hand of a Professor from the IT University, Mr. Azeem Kakar. Where he also donated books to the library. Moreover, the LSO members held a series of meeting with different people for support and a collection of Books for the library. The purpose, of the library, is to bring youth towards the importance of education in which a variety of books are kept as per the interest focusing on different authors' books such as Islamic books, history books, general knowledge, and others.



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