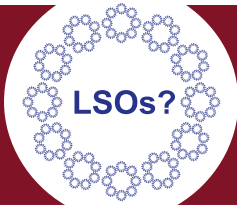




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AN UPDATE ON THE WORK OF LOCAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS













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 Khoshal Itehade

District:  Killa Abdullah	Union Council:  Guldara Baghicha	Date of Formation:  April 20 2021	Total Households in Union Council:  3,217	Organised Households:  2,340
Coverage:  74%	Number of Community Organisations (COs):  209 <small>(75 women's COs)</small>	Number of Village Organisations (VOs):  33 <small>(7 women's VOs)</small>	Number of General Body Members:  91 <small>(only men)</small>	Number of Executive Committee Members:  11 <small>(All men)</small>

The representatives of **LSO Khoshal Itehade** 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.

Mother and Child Health Camps with TVI

The LSO executive body members met with TVI –Trust for Vaccines & Immunisation regional coordinator Baluchistan to support the LSO Khoshal Itehade in arranging the mother and child health campaign. The coordinator provided free medicines for 400 patients.



Food & Cash for Assistance

Members of the LSO Khoshal Ittehad visited the Islamic Relief Chaman office to manage food for assistance to improve access to food and cash support, early recovery, and rehabilitation of livelihoods facilitation centre in UC Guldara Baghicha. The Islamic Relief facilitated 600 beneficiaries and provided 300 food packets and 300 cash amounts of PKR 7500 each.



HPI - Integrated Outreach

LSO Khoshal Ittehad started the campaign with the support of the EPI-Expanded program on Immunisation in different VOs and COs areas to tell them about Routine immunisation, Nutrition, and General OPD.



COVID-19 Campaign and Vaccination

LSO Khoshal Ittehad had started the COVID-19 campaign and Vaccination with the support of the health department Kila Abdullah to vaccinate 344 people and still continue their campaign in the areas.



Peace Aman Committee

Due to illiteracy, most of the time local disputes among the community members on land, family relations, and other dispute arises due to which both sides bear big losses in the shape of life and money. For this purpose, the LSO formed the Aman committee and selected members from the LSO executive body. The Aman committee resolves the dispute among the community through dialogues and notes these disputes in the LSO record after resolving the disputes from both parties, they take signatures and stamp the dispute resolution discussions in the presence of all the community elders. So far, the Aman committee from its formation to date has resolved five disputes of different natures.



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