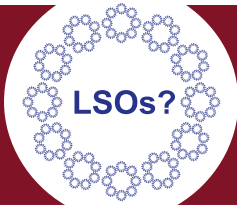




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AN UPDATE ON THE WORK OF LOCAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS



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 Roshan Ihttehad

District: <b>Killa Abdullah</b>	Union Council: <b>Zara Band</b>	Date of Formation: <b>March 12 2021</b>	Total Households in Union Council: <b>3,114</b>	Organised Households: <b>2,221</b>
Coverage: <b>72%</b>	Number of Community Organisations (COs): <b>196</b> (66 women, 1-Mix COs)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs): <b>21</b> (6 women VOs)	Number of General Body Members: <b>96</b> (only men)	Number of Executive Committee Members: <b>11</b> (All men)

The members of **LSO Roshan Ihttehad** 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.

### Flood affected Union Council Zara Band

The leaders of LSO Roshan Ihttehad and its member VOs performed a very active role in saving people in flood-affected areas in their union council. The LSO leaders took self-help initiatives at the initial stage and provided food items to vulnerable families affected adversely during the flood. Later, District Government Authorities and other local and international NGOs launched a collaborative effort to control and save the lives of people in close coordination with locally organised communities. The leaders of LSO Roshan Ihttehad and its member VOs extended all possible



support at their disposal to them. BRSP, with the technical support of the Government Department, organised a rapid flood assessment for the flood-affected area, where houses were destroyed, people and livestock died or got injured due to heavy rain, and Machaka dams fell causing destruction.

LSO leaders and the Community Resource Persons (CRPs) worked on spreading awareness on raising of the threat of the flood and educating the masses on taking preventive measures to safeguard themselves, their family members, and neighbours from getting affected by the flood and moving to a safe place. The suspected cases were transferred to Quetta for further treatment, who were injured due to the flood. The LSO leaders formed a team to rescue the affected communities to refer them to a safe place.



### Food Distribution

When a Recent rain spell and flood-hit district Chaman LSO Roshan Ihttehad area became among the affected areas. Many people had lost their homes, their means of production, and their sources of food. This situation has been seen in the whole Balochistan. The leaders of LSO who had always found themselves first among the helper of the communities decided to help their villagers. They met Islamic relief Chaman officials in their office and asked for assistance to improve access to food support for early recovery and rehabilitation of



livelihoods facilitation Centre in UC Zara Band. Islamic relief facilitated 450 beneficiaries and provided those 300 food packets and cash amounts of 7500 in these UCs.



### Solar Panel Distribution

Electricity provision is one of the major issues in Balochistan. rural areas hardly get 5-6 hours of electricity in 24 hours. This issue was addressed in several stages but never solved by any government or any other relevant authority. The Leaders of LSO Roshan Ihttehad called a meeting to discuss this issue and finally, they reached the conclusion. They found that people need light at night which was only possible through the solar panel. LSO Roshan Ihttehad started solar panel distribution with the support of former Nazim among 35 households in the LSO area. As the district has faced a shortage of electricity for a long time and it wasn't possible to provide extra hours for electricity. For the solution to the issue, LSO approached the former Nazim to help them out.



## Electricity Transformer Installation

Balochistan is facing an acute energy shortage that has stopped the development not only in the economic and agriculture sector but also in every walk of life. According to a document submitted to the National Assembly of Pakistan, only 36% of Balochistan is electrified, while the remaining 64% of Balochistan still doesn't have access to energy. Those areas which have electricity facilities are facing a shortage of equipment. same in LSO Roshan Ihttehad which needs two transformers. LSO Roshan Ihttehad president met WAPDA officials regarding the transformer issue. The SDO provided them with two transformers which were installed in killi shamkzai Karez and the second one was installed in killi Nadara.

## 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 for Aman committees. The Aman committee resolved the dispute among the community through dialogues and noted

these disputes in the LSO record after resolving the dispute from both parties they took signed and stamp dispute resolution discussions in the presence of all the community elders. In the Aman committee from formation till date total of 05 disputes of different natures were resolved by the LSO executives Aman committee.



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