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#### AN UPDATE ON THE WORK OF LOCAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS

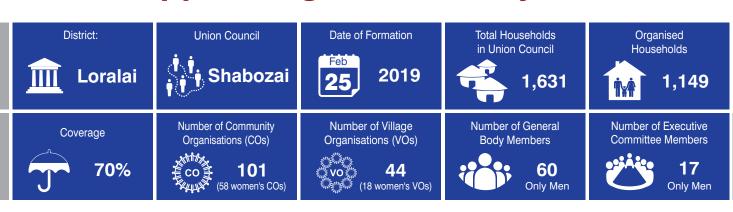


LSOs or Local Support Organisations are central to the 'Social Mobilisation' approach of the Rural Support Programmes (RSPs). In a bid to reduce poverty and empower marginalised people (especially women), the RSPs under BRACE, mobilise rural women and men into a three-tiered structure, which consists 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 Aryan**



LSO Aryan self-help Initiatives: LSO Aryan Union Council Shabozai is a rural union council of District Loralai, an area that lacks basic needs like health, education, and proper infrastructure. Most of the community members are associated with Agriculture and Livestock, as their main source of income. Besides all these challenges, Local support Organisations, through self-help initiatives and linkages, try to facilitate the union council community at their doorstep by providing them clean water, arranging medical camps, provision of rations, Livestock feeds, agricultural seeds, and water for agriculture purposes.

#### **Provision of Tree to Community**

LSO Aryan played an essential role in supporting the community through its linkages. LSO executive body contacted different government departments and private organisations. For example, the LSO executive body had a meeting with the agriculture department, where they received 800 trees and distributed them among the different VOs.



# Distribution of Wheelchairs and Tricycles

LSO executive body and BRSP team were actively involved in identifying PWSNs both men and women where they identified the Persons with Special Needs (PWSNs) and provided them with fifteen wheelchairs and eight Tri-cycle through BRSP.



# Distribution of Income Generating Grants (IGGs)

LSO Ayan, through BRSP, received Income Generating Grants (IGGs) for the poor and deserving households at the union council. The main purpose of IGGs is to provide income support to deserving families. A total of 45 beneficiaries received IGGs assets. During IGGs distribution, Representatives of Political parties, Line departments, and community elders participated in the ceremony.

### Distribution of Ration to Poor Communities through LSO resource mobilization

LSO has strong linkages with the line departments and the development sector organizations, and they are



always trying to support the community. In the Union council, most of the community members do not have any proper way of income and are dependent on others. To provide them livelihood support LSO executive body, through resource mobilizations and executive savings, provide ration to 17 HHs monthly.

# **Provision of Transport to the Students of Degree College**

The LSO executive body always tried to solve the issues of students at their doorstep for this purpose. So the union council college students, along with the LSO executive body, met with the administration of the degree college and shared the issues of the union council shabozai several times. After a month, finally, they succeeded, and the college allowed buses for the students of UC Shabozai.





### With the support of the Health Department, arranged a free Medical Camp

The LSO Aryan always worked to facilitate the Union council community at the household level. However, due to far-flung areas and no proper and hygienic food used by the community, the LSO executive body requested the health department for the medical at their union council, which approved the medical camp for the community. About 120 people (80 Men) and (40 Women) were screened and diagnosed by doctors who provided them with medicines on the spot.

#### **Support Community in COVID-19**

LSO executive body met with the District health officer (DHO) to get support regarding COVID-19 vaccination in the community. Where DHO provided health staff for UC Shabozai, and about 450 men and women were

vaccinated at their UC level. The LSO body and health department staff also started an awareness campaign to educate community members about the proper care and vaccination against the virus.



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