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## LSO INITIATIVES



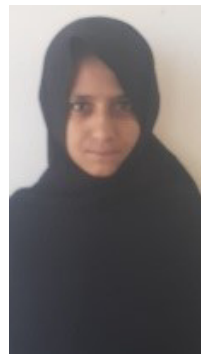
# Local Support Organisation Zawag

<p>District</p>  <p><b>Washuk</b></p>	<p>Union Council</p>  <p><b>Zawag</b></p>	<p>Date of Formation</p>  <p><b>13-June-2019</b></p>	<p>Total Households in Union Council</p>  <p><b>2263</b></p>	<p>Organised Households</p>  <p><b>1707</b></p>	<p>Coverage</p>  <p><b>75%</b></p>
<p>Number of COs</p>  <p><b>215</b></p> <p>114 MALE, 101 WOMEN'S</p>		<p>Number of VOs</p>  <p><b>43</b></p> <p>22 MALE, 21 WOMEN'S</p>		<p># of General Body Members</p>  <p><b>65</b></p> <p>60MALE, 5 WOMEN'S</p>	<p># of Executive Committee Members</p>  <p><b>9</b></p> <p>2 WOMEN'S</p>

Local Support Organisation Zawag from District Washup was formed on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2019, by 1,190 member households organised into 215 COs and 43 VOs. The leaders of LSO Zawag are planning and implementing development activities, both on a self-help basis, as well as in collaboration with the Government departments. The EU-Funded BRACE Programme is empowering rural women and men in Balochistan by realising the power they gain from collective action. Organised rural communities are now gaining awareness about their rights, holding the service providers accountable, and also taking initiatives to improve their lives.

### Enrolment of girls under BISP programme in school

Union Council Zawag has a large number of impoverished families. Because of their poverty, they are unable to properly run their homes. The Benazir Income Support Program is an excellent initiative which assists the poorest and most vulnerable families. Many of their issues are resolved by the programme. BISP programme includes the names of many people and their children. They were required to join the Ehsas Kifalat program in order for their children to receive a stipend, but their children were not enrolled in school. LSO Zawag leaders facilitation made it possible and finally they succeed to enrolling 50 girls from these families to the school, and NADRA has prepared a B-form for these girls.



## Resolution of tribal rivalry

Union Council Zawag is rural UC of district Washuk and has a low literacy rate which is a major reason for tribal conflicts. These conflicts have serious consequences on the community members and peace in the region. A bloody feud between the Dagarzai and Mohammad Hassani tribesmen had erupted within the Union Council. A member of the Dagarzai tribe was assassinated. The LSO leadership put great efforts in resolving the conflict to manage peace in the area. Both parties were persuaded to meet in a Balochi constituency to resolve the issue.



## Clean-up campaign

Union Council Zawag has the status of headquarter of Tehsil Mashkeel. It is also known as the business hub where business worth millions is run on a daily basis. For this purpose, the city has multiple offices and bazaars. However, there is a serious concern of cleanliness in the bazaar which leads to spread of diseases such as malaria and hepatitis.

LSO held a meeting at their office to initiate a clean-up campaign to address the issue. Following this, a cleaning campaign was started by the help of people of Mashkeel. After this campaign, the citizens and shopkeepers thanked the LSO Zawag.



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