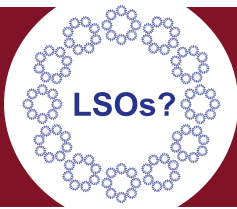




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AN UPDATE ON THE WORK OF LOCAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS



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



National Rural Support Programme

Local Support Organisation Sachan

District Kech Tehsil: Turbat	Union Council Nasirabad	Date of Formation 01 2019	Total Households in Union Council 1,566	Organised Households 986
Coverage 63%	Number of Community Organisations (COs) 70 (Male 13, Female 56, Mixed 01 COs)	Number of Village Organisations (VOs) 08 (Male 00, Female 00, Mixed 08 VOs)	Number of General Body Members 14 (Male 00, Female 14)	Number of Executive Committee Members 09 (Male 04, Female 05)

Activities implemented through the EU funded BRACE Programme



LSO managing CIF Amount of
PKR **2,000,000** Initial Sub-grant
as CIF



Community Investment Fund (CIF)
amount of PKR **3,380,000** disbursed
to **98** households



Income Generating Grant (IGG)
amount of PKR **1,670,000** benefited
50 households



07 Different Assistive devices provided
to **43** Person with Special Needs



Technical, Vocational and
Educational Trainings (TVET) benefited
08 male and **12** female beneficiaries



Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills (ALNS)
educating **60** female beneficiaries through
02 learning centres



Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI)
04 schemes initiated
(03 schemes completed and benefited 1,566 number of households)

Activities Implemented through Self-Help and in Collaboration with Government and other Development Agencies: (By using their linkages)

1. Conducted **1638 awareness sessions** educating **13,254 individuals** on **15 topics**
2. Planted **1,540 trees** in different villages of the UC
3. Enrolled **1,042 children (430 boys and 612 girls)** in school
4. Registered **1,627 CNICs, 1,100 B-forms, 370 Nikah Namas, and 200 death certificates** in the Union Council.
5. Linkages formed with (name of organisation/government departments) **Different Govt. Organisations, NGOs, FAO, Youth Organisation and civil societies**
6. Helped people financially during the **COVID-19**

Leaders of the **LSO Sachan** are planning and implementing development activities both on self-help basis as well as in collaboration with government agencies. The EU-funded BRACE programme is empowering rural men and women in Balochistan by realising the power they gain from collective action. The organised members are gaining awareness about their rights, holding the service providers accountable and are also taking self-initiatives to improve their lives.

Construction of Water supply scheme

Many water resources in Balochistan have become dry due to the drought for the past two decades. This has made access to pure drinking water in the area, very difficult. People of the area were forced to either use unhealthy or travel miles for the sake of pure drinking water.

Due to drought, the underground water level has gone too low. To pump or fetch the underground water, a deep bore was needed not only a bore but also solar panels as electricity in the area's never been so stable and reliable, which was beyond the budget of LSO. They, the LSO leaders decided to meet government organisation and seek their help for the installation of a pure drinking water scheme.

After a lot of struggle, they managed to approve a water supply scheme. The water supply scheme was initiated and completed in collaboration with the govt. organisation and was solarised completely to make sure the residents don't have to worry in case of power blackout / load shedding. The schemes benefitted the whole village, in UC Nasirabad.



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