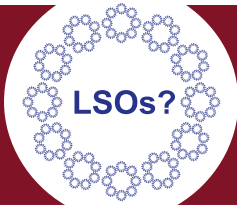




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AN UPDATE ON THE WORK OF LOCAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS



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 Organisation Sheikhan

District: Zhob	Union Council: Sheikhan	Date of Formation: 01 2019	Total Households in Union Council: 530	Organised Households: 495
Coverage: 93%	Number of Community Organisations (COs): 36 <small>(18 women COs)</small>	Number of Village Organisations (VOs): 08 <small>(04 women VOs)</small>	Number of General Body Members: 13 <small>(All men)</small>	Number of Executive Committee Members: 11 <small>(All men)</small>

The representatives of **LSO Sheikhan** 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 also taking initiatives to improve their lives.

Construction of Water supply scheme

The villagers of Sheikhan called a meeting with LSO and requested the LSO representatives to resolve their problem by constructing a water supply scheme for villagers to lessen their difficulties regarding drinking water. The LSO representatives checked the proposed site of the area and estimated that it would cost 0.9 million. Therefore, they decided to do resource mobilisation for construction of the water supply scheme. Meetings were held with the BRSP district



Water supply scheme UC Sheikhan village Sheikhan

officials and Secretary of their Union Council and requested them to allocate some funds for construction of the water supply scheme. After several meetings, they were able to convince BRSP to allocated PKR 0.9 million for construction of a water supply scheme. It now benefits the residents on daily bases.

LSO Representative meeting with NADRA Officials district Zhob

The village Organisations representatives requested to the LSO representatives to resolve the issue of CNIC's that a lot of villagers don't have CINC's. The LSO representative visited different villages of the union council and they then held a meeting with the NADRA officials, district Zhob and requested their support for the said purpose. The officials ensured their support. A team with NADRA van were sent to the village to facilitate the villagers in the process. 110 residents were registered in total including 47 female applicants.



CNIC's registration by NADRA

LSO Representative meeting with district Agriculture Officer

The LSO representative held a meeting with the office bearers of agriculture department in district Zhob, where they were provided with 511 trees by the office bearers. The provided trees were distributed among different villages of the union council. The Village organisation members made sure all the trees are planted and taken care of so they can grow properly and reduce the effects of climate change as much as possible. The villagers not only appreciated both the LSO members and the office bearers of agriculture department but also thanked them for their efforts.



Meeting with District Agriculture Officer Zhob



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