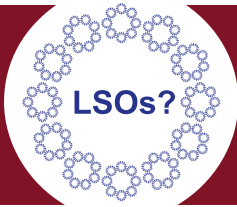




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AN UPDATE ON THE WORK OF LOCAL SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS



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 Kurragi

District: Washuk	Union Council: Kurragi	Date of Formation: Nov 25 2018	Total Households in Union Council: 1,836	Organised Households: 1,609
Coverage: 87%	Number of Community Organisations (COs): 157 <small>(72 women's COs)</small>	Number of Village Organisations (VOs): 51 <small>(12 women's VOs)</small>	Number of General Body Members: 39 <small>Only Men</small>	Number of Executive Committee Members: 11 <small>Only Men</small>

The leaders of **LSO Kurragi** 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.

Distribution of Clothes Amongst the Poor Children on Eid Ul Adha

On The occasion of Eid LSO Kurragi Had a meeting at LSO office Kurragi. Agenda of the meeting was to look for those residents who were unable to buy themselves new clothes. It was decided in the meeting that the LSO members would identify such poor people and would provide them with new clothes so they can celebrate the Eid to the fullest with all the villagers. The deserving residents were approached by the LSO members and were provided with new clothes.





Provided land for cricket Ground

Through linkages, the LSO initiatives met young social activist and youth chairman Mr Abrar Barkat and requested him if he can provide land for cricket ground for the youth. He appreciated their efforts and provided land for cricket ground. He also contacted Meer Khuda, Raheem Essazai and Meer Sawal Khan Hassani to facilitate the youth in the levelling of land for the cricket ground. The above mentioned people with their own funds, brought a bulldozer and helped the cricket association level the land. The cricket association thanked the dignities for their contributions.



Construction of Masjid at Ziarat in union council Kurragi

The residents of village of Ziarat in union council Kurragi of Washuk district collected money by themselves for the construction of a masjid, which was really needed as there was a place where the vilalgers could go and offer prayer to gather. After the resource mobilisation, they were able to construct the Masjid where they now pray five times a day. Because of its location, not only the villagers use this masjid but it is also used by the passenger passing by or travelling through the union council.



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