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DC-ADC –TA Induction Training at BRDA by BRACE Programme

As part of the mandate a Training was organized by BRACE –TA partner at Balochistan Rural Development Academy from 2nd to 4th December 2019 and was inaugurated by the worthy Secretary Local Government and Rural Development Balochistan and DG BRDA.



Secretary LGRD told the participants that:The Salient Feature of the BRACE Programme is the **partnership between local government/authorities and the communities,** aiming to build a network of people's own organisations working with the local government authorities to improve basic service delivery.

He added that it will be ensured that the BRACE Programme Activities, Outputs and Outcomes are fully aligned with the GoB Local





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Government policies, development plans and LG Financial Regulations and to ensure that District/Tehsil/UC /Village Development Plans are fully aligned and become part of the overall Provincial LG Plans. While explaining he added that we are in the process of bringing new Local Government Act and a policy Framework in limelight which will contribute towards such effort.

DG BRDA added in his session that we have training plan for the whole year and we will include BRACE Capacity Building plan in our training plan as well. He elaborated the overall role and status of BRDA and its Capacity Building plan.



Delegation from European Union visited the training venue and emphasized the importance of such trainings and appraised the ownership and coordination of the Government of Balochistan. They further added that:

The European Union is supporting the Government of Balochistan, to execute the province's largest community-led development sector initiative targeted at 9 districts.



BRACE is also to support the **Government of Balochistan** to foster an enabling environment for strengthening the capacities of local government/authorities to manage and involve communities in the statutory local public sector planning, financing, and implementation processes, guided by a CM/CE enabling Strategic policy and Fiscal Framework





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Around 55 participants attended the training and resource persons from TA- BRACE as well as external lecturers were engaged during this three days training.

This training was to synergize the efforts at district and Provincial Level. All the stakeholders were



briefed and trained about the strategy to synergize the Demand drivers (Policy Framework at Provincial Level and Financial Flow, Budgets Local Government actors at UC/ Tehsil and District Level) and the Supply Drivers (Community Institutions including Community Organisations, Village Organizations and Local Support Organizations) at Community, Village and Union Council level as well as at Tehsil and District levels.

Participants were briefed about the BRACE Programme objectives and government of Balochistan Counterparts which include Local Government and Rural Development Department (Lead Department) District/UC Local Government Units, Planning and Development Department, Finance Department, Balochistan Rural Development Academy and Line Departments.

Participants were trained on basic concepts including Community Empowerment and Community Mobilization including bottom-up approach, participatory Development, Public Finance Management, Poverty Score Card, Political Economy, Gender sensitization and Communication and Visibility guidelines. Lectures were given on Community organization, their Capacity Building and Community level identification and prioritization of schemes, village level planning and Union Council level planning was shared with the participants and it was discussed to make an understanding for bringing these in to District Development plans of the LGRD and to synergize with the provincial level



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planning. An introduction from Community Organization to Village Organization / Village Development Plan and then Local Support Organization at Union Council Level and UC Development Plan as well as JDDC (Joint District Development Committee) and then to synergize with the District Development Plans and link with Provincial Development Plans.

Deputy Secretary LGRD gave presentation on Local Government Systems and LG Act as well as proposed reforms and amendments in the LG Act.

IEC material was provided to all the participants. Laptops were distributed among the district coordinators and deputy district coordinators of TA-BRACE Team.



At the end of the training certificates were distributed among the participants on the successful completion of training.

