



Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

Balochistan Rural Development and Community Empowerment Programme (BRACE)

(2017-2021)

1. Purpose of Research Advisory Committee

The aim of the research component of the BRACE is to ensure “Evidence based policy recommendations generated and disseminated to support the Local Development Policy Framework’. To achieve this aim, the purpose of the research advisory committee (RAC) is to serve as an advisory body for the research activities conducted under BRACE to provide feedback, comments and suggestions for raising the quality of the research work. RAC will also suggest pathways to make the research directly relevant to the development policy and practice in Balochistan, in particular improvement in the local governance. Research component of BRDCE will be implemented by RSPN and Human Dynamics and will be supported by BRSP, NRSP and Local Government and Rural Development Department, Government of Baluchistan. It is expected that the RAC and the research team of BRACE will work in close collaboration to enrich the planned research with contemporary development theory and practice.

2. Terms of Reference

The terms of reference of the RAC are as follows:

1. Provide overall technical advice and oversight to the activities and issues related the research work under the BRDCE programme (both RSPN and HD research components)
2. Serve as an ethics review board for research studies undertaken in BRACE
3. Review draft terms of references of studies to be conducted under BRACE and provide feedback for finalization of the TORs
4. Review methodology of the studies to be conducted under BRACE and provide feedback for finalization.
5. Review draft reports and recommendations of the studies and provide feedback for finalization.
6. Support advocacy efforts under BRACE
7. Participate in research and other knowledge dissemination and advocacy events organised by RSPN and RSPs

8. Invite BRACE research team to the relevant conferences/seminars/events in their domain by providing forums for mutual learning and interaction.

3. Administrative Arrangements

9. RAC will have bi-annual meetings in routine. Additional meetings can be convened as and when required. Unless otherwise specified, RAC meetings will be held in Quetta or Islamabad

4. Research Advisory Committee Membership

The constitution of the RAC is as follows:

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| 1. Dr. Sarfraz Khan | Department of Sociology Quaid-I-Azam University |
| 2. Dr. Abdur Rehman Cheema
SUCCESS Programme | Team Leader Research EU-Funded |
| 3. Dr. Sahnawaz Khan | Team Leader BRACE/BRSP |
| 4. Mr. Peter Richard Portier | Team Leader TA/BRACE |
| 5. Mr. Tahir Waqar | Senior Program Manager MER NRSP |
| 6. Mr. Gul Mohammad | Focal Person BRACE/LGR&DD, GoB |
| 7. Mr. Qaisar Jamali | Provincial Coordinator TA |
| 8. Mr. Khaleel Ahmad Tetlay | Chief Operating Officer, RSPN |
| 9. Mr. Rahim Khetran | Research Coordinator, BRACE, RSPN |
| 10. Mr. Ahmed Ullah | Programme Manager, BRACE, RSPN |