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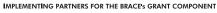
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"The cooperation and support from the European Union is much appreciated, as generally the province has been neglected for the past 60 years. To fully address the issues and myriad problems including policy neglect, successive calamities and capacity deficits, joint efforts with longterm, policy-based solutions are required. However, the people of Balochistan are "as competent as people in other areas of Pakistan, we just need opportunities."

JUSTICE (RETD) AMANNULLAH KHAN YASINZAI, Governor Balochistan



"LSOs are very important Community institutions and we value their role in providing ownership and accountability to the organised communities for their personal development. They also provide communities with a platform to become part of the local development initiatives and play a significant role for inclusive development."

HER EXCELLENCY ANDROULLA KAMINARA Ambassador of the European Union (EU) To Pakistan

EU supported Provincial Convention of LSOs Applauds Work of Community Institutions in Balochistan



The Provincial Convention of Local Support Organisations (LSOs) is a platform to which representatives of LSOs from across Pakistan are invited to share their success, achievements, issues and challenges with a broader set of stakeholders. The LSOs are the union council level institutions of the people, fostered by the Rural Support Programmes (RSPs), and led by elected local community members. Uniquely positioned to develop linkages with government administrations, political pillars, civil society organisations, donor agencies and the private sector, their aim is to reduce poverty at the household level.

The European Union-funded Balochistan Rural Development and Community Empowerment (BRACE) Programme organised the Provincial Convention of LSOs on January 21, 2020 in Quetta in collaboration with the Local Government and Rural Development Department (LG&RDD) of the Government of Balochistan, the Rural

Support Programmes Network (RSPN), the Balochistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP), and the National Rural Support Programme (NRSP). His Excellency Justice (Retd) Amanullah Khan Yasinzai, the Governor of Balochistan was the Chief Guest, Her Excellency Ms Androulla Kaminara, Ambassador of the European Union to Pakistan was Guest of Honour. Other dignitaries included the Provincial Finance Minister Zahoor Buledi, the Awami National Party's Parliamentary Leader, Asghar Khan Achakzai, the Opposition Leader in the Balochistan Assembly Malik Sikandar Advocate, Member of Provincial Assembly, Shaheena Mehtarzai, RSPN Chairman, Mr Shoaib Sultan Khan, BRSP's Chief Executive, Nadir Gul Barrech, and NRSP's Chief Executive Rahsid Bajwa. Also, in attendance were a large number of community representatives including representatives from 14 LSOs from all over Balochistan, representatives from the provincial government, from the European Union Delegation (EUD) to Pakistan, and from donor agencies, the



"Our mission is to create the missing link: the third pillar, through social mobilisation."

SHOAIB SULTAN KHAN Chairman RSPN



media, academia, and international and national NGOs.

Speaking at the occasion, the Governor of Balochistan commended the work of the BRACE Programme and the RSPs in organising communities under the platform of LSOs. He pledged to support the RSPs' efforts, especially in Balochistan and pointed out that the Balochistan government, with the valuable support of donors like the EU and of social development organisations like the RSPs, is taking measures to uplift the life status of poor in Balochistan. "The Balochistan government has limited resources and donor agencies and local development organisations are assisting us in providing basic facilities to our very marginlised people," said the Governor. He also lauded the efforts and the pivotal role of the BRSP in the development and empowerment of communities in the province. Provincial Finance Minister Zahoor Buledi said the incumbent Balochistan government had commenced various development projects and thanked the role of the BRSP in supporting these. ANP leader Asghar Khan Achakzai also appreciated the support of the EU and the BRSP for the social development of Balochistan. EU Ambassador to Pakistan, Her Excellency Androulla Kaminara, stated that "Balochistan remains among the top priorities amongst the EU's development programmes in Pakistan. We have been cooperating with the GoB to ensure the provision of basic facilities to the local communities." While highlighting the role and importance of the Community Intuitions (CI), the ambassador said that the role of LSOs is crucial in promoting ownership and accountability at the local level. She also acknowledged the RSPs efforts to create an enabling environment where the community women can become part of the development process and play a significant role in combating household level poverty. The EU envoy said the European Union will initiate further development projects in Balochistan. Expressing her grief over the recent destruction in Balochistan caused by snowfall and torrential rains, Ms Kaminara assured EU's full cooperation to the Balochistan government in its relief activities.

RSPN Chairman Mr Shoaib Sultan Khan, reminded the audience that the RSP approach was to bridge the missing links of development in Pakistan. He said that community institutions work as the social pillar to supplement and complement the political and administrative pillars of the state. "And with the support of the federal and provincial governments, these institutions of the people, fostered through the RSPs' three-tiered social mobilisation approach to community driven development, have done miracles in combating poverty." He further presented an action plan to work with government at local level to strengthen rural communities.

The representatives of 14 LSOs were selected from across Balochistan province to present their accomplishments.

Sharing her experience, the president of LSO Kumakkar, Shareedah Bibi highlighted how the BRSP and BRACE Programme have enabled the community women to organise and become part of the development initiatives and to solve the issues and challenges from household to community level. Mr Mukhtiar Ahmed, a representative of the LSO Shamma, from district Khuzdar, shared how the communities organised into community institutions (CIs) under the BRACE Programme were able to undertake various initiatives including livelihood provision for the poor, especially of women, technical and vocational trainings for youth, and income generating grants (IGGs) and community investment funds (CIF) for deserving and eligible community members. The CEOs of RSPs also addressed the gathering. The convention concluded with distribution of shields and a vote of thanks by BRSP.



"100% of households (1,962 households) in my UC are organised under the BRACE Programme. The LSO members are sensitised about gender." As a result, 87% of COs are women COs. The General Body has 66% women and 57% of those in the Executive Body are women. The Community Investment Fund (CIF) is allocated to women only."

MS. SHAREEDA, PRESIDENT LSO KUMAKKAR, DISTRICT KECH



"We resolved issues pertaining to quality education – by establishing three primary schools, upgrading four girls primary schools to middle schools and two boys middle schools to high schools through linkages built with the locally elected Member of the Provincial Assembly (MPA). The LSO has also advocated for the construction of a dam worth around PKR.90 million through the MPA fund. That resulted in an increased water table for irrigation and domestic consumption benefitting 1,560 households."

MR. MUKHTAIR AHMED, President of LSO Shamma, Khuzdar



ADULT LITERACY SUPPORT

BRACE Programme Established 50 Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills Centres in 25 UCs of District Kech

Under the BRACE Programme, NRSP has established 50 Adult Literacy and Numeracy (ALN) Skills Centres in 25 union councils of district Kech, Balochistan. Under the initiative, 1,500 community women are enrolled in these ALN Centres. The objective of establishing these ALN Centres is to provide basic literacy and numeracy skills to the enrolled women of targeted communities. They will also acquire other beneficial skills

such as household savings, understanding the importance of education for girls, and adopting good health and hygiene practices. It is anticipated that the initiative of ALN Centres along with livelihood support initiatives like (IGGs) will not only break the vicious circle of intergenerational poverty but will also mainstream positive gender roles as these community women are socially and economically empowered.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Distributions of IGGs in UC Bisholi by LSO Koh-e-Dagar



LSO Koh-e-Dagar (UC Bisholi) distributed Income Generating Grants cheques among 50 women beneficiaries who purchased materials to start a livelihood activity as per their approved Micro Investment Plan (MIP). The financial support of 30 to 50 thousand rupees will enable the selected women to purchase livestock for rearing, groceries to open up small shops, and sewing machines to run a sewing business. Upon receiving this support under the BRACE Programme, the beneficiary women were very happy and enthusiastic.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Youth Recreational Activities in District Khuzdar, Zhob and Killa Abdullah

The BRACE Programme is engaging youth in sports activities, as it helps to cultivate a culture of positivity and tolerance by keeping the youth away from drugs and other negative influences. Sports under BRACE is also raising the self-esteem and confidence of the local youth, enabling them to believe in their abilities to excel in life and future During the reporting period BRSP, under the BRACE Programme, arranged a number of sports activities in various BRACE districts and successfully engaged local youth in competitions including football and cricket matches and arts and literature activities, including debating, speeches and other activities. The competitions were organised in districts Zhob, Loralai and Khuzdar.



Her Excellency Androulla Kaminara, Ambassador of the European Union (EU) Visit to Khuzdar Balochistan



The EU Delegation in Pakistan shares a great history of collaboration for community driven development with the Government of Balochistan. The BRACE Programme started with the inspiring aim to reduce household poverty in 9 districts of Balochistan. The EU's Ambassador to Pakistan, H.E Ms Androulla Kaminara, visited Khuzdar on 22nd & 23rd of January, 2020. She was accompanied by Mr. Arshad Rashid, Development Advisor to the EU, and by the senior management of RSPN and BRSP. The main objective of the Ambassador's visit was to observe the impact of the ongoing BRACE intervention on the lives of marginalised communities in the target districts.

Visiting a CPI in Village-Mal Moghuli, Village Organisation-Umrani Baloch, Union Council-Abi Noghey the ambassador said "the site of the CPI needs to be chosen in consultation with the women of the community, as women and children are responsible for fetching water. The women should also be a part of the Operation and Maintenance (O &M) of the Drinking Water Supply Scheme so that their labour is accounted for and acknowledged." While meeting with the women of Village Organisation Gwarakh, Union Council-



Abey Noghey, the ambassador urged the women community members to get their CNICs so that they can exercise their right to vote to elect the parliamentarians who have contributed to solve their pressing issues such as lack of provision of water supply schemes, schools for children and health facilities. She also stressed the importance of education for both boys and girls to break the vicious cycle of poverty.

While addressing the women and young girls of Village Organisation Hassanzai (Union Council Baghbana-I) the ambassador reiterated that "Education is the only way to end the vicious cycle of poverty "and she gave the example of Europe which "thrives because of the equal participation of women in the economy". On the second day of her visit, she visited women from the Village Organisation Noor (Union Council Bhalonk) and met with adult learners under ALNs who recited their lessons to the Ambassador. Reflecting again her respect for the brave community women, the ambassador said "I am the first women in 30 years to be the EU ambassador to Pakistan. Believe me, we women can do anything, and you all are equally capable to change your fate with hard work and commitment".

Her last stop was a meeting with Women Village Organisation Jhamar (Union Council Bhalonk). Here she was greeted by a large number of women and given a presentation on the self-help initiatives that the women have taken after being organised. The women exhibited their collection of handicrafts to Her Excellency. The ambassador suggested making a website to showcase their thereby enabling them to get orders for the women of the community. She also suggested a brief training on colour combination and quality assurance in order to make their products more attractive and marketable. The community women were very excited and despite the language barrier, the community women shared their issues, challenges and achievements with the ambassador.



LINKAGES BUILDING

BRACE Linked 169 TVET Beneficiaries with Markets in Kech

The BRACE Programme places a special focus on providing post-livelihood training support for the Technical and Vocational Educational Training (TVET) beneficiaries by creating market linkages at local level. During the reporting period, NRSP helped 169 trained TVET beneficiaries, including 143 women and 26 men in Kech. The trained men who received trainings on mobile repairs, air conditioning & fridge repairs, motor repairs and auto electrics, have been linked with existing shops and established vendors of the area. Similarly, the women trained in tailoring and as beauticians have been linked with potential vendors in same trade.

INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT

Village Organisation Shaista Bazayan mobilises PKR.456,322 to Operationalize a Drinking Water Supply Scheme in District Pishin

Under the Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI) Schemes component of the BRACE Programme, a drinking water supply scheme (DWSS) for Village Organisation (VO) Babayan, Shaista Village Murgha Babayan, UC Murgha Zakaryazai in District Pishin was operationalised. The total estimated cost of the scheme is PKR 2.05 million with a 78 %share (PKR 15,99,183) provided by the EU and 22 % (PKR

456,322) by the community in cash and kind. This DWSS will benefit 75 community households, providing 500 citizens with adequate and clean drinking water at their doorstep. The local community will also be responsible for the running cost and maintenance of the water supply scheme. The initiative is an example of the community-led development that helps people to prioritise their needs and contribute accordingly.

ADVOCACY & POLICY

Parliamentarians and Officials of Government of Balochistan Visits SUCCESS Progrmme's Field Areas in Sindh



Human Dynamics, the Technical Partner of the BRACE Programme, arranged a lesson learning visit and experience sharing workshop for the officials of Government of Balochistan and RSPs to the EU-funded SUCCESS Programme being implemented in 8 districts of Sindh province. The main objective of this field visit and workshop was to enable the visiting delegation, comprising Members of the Provincial Assembly (MPAs), Secretaries of Social Welfare and Local Government and Rural Development Departments, and officials of various other government departments and the BRACE team to observe the outcomes and impact of the province-wide community driven local development programmes supported by the European Union and Government of Sindh.

Facilitated by TRDP, the delegation visited community institutions fostered under the SUCCESS programme in Villages Sachedino Shoro and Kapat in District Jamshoro. They met with LSO leaders, visited handicraft product stalls showcasing the work of SUCCESS vocational training beneficiaries, visited a farmer field school that was supported by the EU-funded PINS programme and a newly installed solar panel-powered hydraulic pump installed by the SUCCESS programme. The BRACE delegation also met with the Chairman of the Planning and Development Board (PPRP), GoS, who briefed them about CDLD programmes in the province. There followed a presentation by Kaiser Bengali on the GoS' Poverty Reduction Strategy and Rural Growth Centres and PPRP being implemented by the Government of Sindh. On the second day, RSPN in collaboration with TRDP organised an experience sharing workshop with local SUCCESS community activists, the Government of Sindh-supported PPRP programme, SUCCESS Programme Managers and the Balochistan delegation. Balochistan MPA Mr. Ahmed Nawaz expressed his appreciation for the achievements of Sindh's rural women. He said "I want to thank our Sindhi sisters for their courage and resilience. MPA Ms. Mahjabeen from Balochistan stated that "What we have learned here, we will take back to Balochistan and begin work on how it can be implemented for the benefit of our province." The workshop was also attended by Mr. Abdul Bari Pitafi, Government of Sindh Minister for Livestock and Fisheries, who lauded the rural women for their achievements and emphasized the importance of government and community collaboration in bringing economic development.

BRACE Fostered Community Institutions Combat COVID-19 in Balochistan



Balochistan was the first province in Pakistan to report **COVID-19** cases in Pakistan due to the influx of pilgrims from Iran. BRSP and NRSP, with the support of organised community members under the EU supported BRACE Programme, have been running awareness raising campaigns to safeguard the local population against **COVID-19**. These include personal hygiene, maintaining social distancing and caring for symptoms. ICE material has been posted on all shops with the active participation of community members. Community Resource Persons (CRPs),

District Programme Managers, Social organisers and Livelihood Officers were trained on standard World Health Organisation guidelines. These are reaching out to the communities with messages about symptoms and precautionary measures such as social distancing, hand washing, and wearing of personal protection equipment (PPE). BRSP has provided 21,830 face masks, 4,924 hand-sanitizers, 4,000 disposable gloves, 13,908 soaps, 2,000 bottles of dettol, 5,368 IEC material and 98 PPE Kits in Killa Abdullah, Pishin, Zhob, Loralai, Dukki, Khuzdar, Jhal Magsi, Washuk.

Community Awareness for COVID-19 Preparedness & Response

The RSPs under the EU funded BRACE Programme are working together with the GOB to protect the most vulnerable communities of the province from the impact of **COVID-19**. RSPs engaged 1,896 CRPs to educate the community on hygiene, safety preventions & precautions for dealing with **COVID-19**. Public announcements have been broadcast via mobile loudspeakers in 583 villages/settlements of 186 UCs. A total of 504 mosques were engaged to disseminate messages on prevention and social distancing for citizens. The messages reached approximately 2 million people in BRACE target districts.



Strength of Community Institutions Come Fore in Fight with Corona

In the midst of an unprecedented lockdown to battle the **COVID-19** emergency in Balochistan, the collective strength of BRACE-fostered community institutions has come to the fore. The LSOs in various BRACE districts took self-help initiatives and provided food packs, masks, hand-sanitizers and soaps to 1,200 households. They also utilised the linkages developed through the platforms of Joint District Development Committee (JDDC) meetings to receive disinfectant spray from district administrations as well as a food package along with 10,000 soaps and 2000 bottles of disinfectant. The trained cadre of TVET women beneficiaries in different districts also prepared 7,062 face masks and have provided these free of cost to their communities.



LSOs Supporting Communities in Registration with Ehsaas Emergency Cash Programme



Natural calamities like **COVID-19** provide communities a chance to demonstrate resilience by turning their challenges into solutions. The ongoing lockdown has seriously affected the livelihood of marginalised BRACE communities, specially the day labourers. The Government of Pakistan has announced the Ehsaas Emergency Cash Programme to help 12 million families. The Programme is focused on supporting wage labourers and poor populations, by providing them

with Rs. 12,000 per family. The organised community institutions (CIs) are helping their member households to registered with the Ehsaas Programme. During the last week of March, 64 BRACE fostered LSOs, helped 11,300 vulnerable households register, while, 193 vulnerable households (HH) received PKR. 2,316,000 under theEhsaas Emergency Cash Programme.

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Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) (as of March 31, 2020)

	Overall Programme Targets (All RSPs)		
KPIs	Total Target (2017-2022)	Target Year 1-3 (2017-2020)	Achievments
A. Social Mobilisation Outreach			
% of Union Councils with RSPs presence under the BRACE	249	249	218
Number of Households with PSC survey completed	421,019	421,019	362,838
Total Population covered under PSC survey	2,787,315	2,787,315	1,918,087
No. of Households Organised	294,722	294,722	172,424
No. of Poorest Households (PSC 0-23) Organised	-	-	82,806
No. of Non-Poor Households (PSC 24-100) Organised	-	-	89,618
No. of COs formed	19,129	19,129	16,286
No. of VOs formed	3,103	3,103	3,215
No. of LSOs formed	249	249	141
LSOs general body membership	-	-	4,968
LSOs executive body members	-	1,899	1,263
Number of LSO-Networks formed at district level	39	29	9
Provision of furniture and fixture and office equipment LSO for offices establishment	249	236	74
% of VOs registered/notified by the local registration awarding/notification authority	3,103	1,821	376
% of LSOs registered/notified by the local registration awarding/competent authority	249	144	86
Number of community organisations that have a saving programme CO	19,129	19,129	3,166
Total Amount of Savings by CO	-	-	6,766,331
B. Training and Capacity Building			
No. of RSP staff trained by RSPs master trainers on CAT	105	105	82
No. of Participants Trained on CAT	18	18	9,415
No. of CAT Sessions held	2,182	2,182	2,205
Rollout of the PIM Trainings to all Relevant Staff Members	117	117	67
No. of community members trained in CMST (2/CO)	38,258	34,584	23,842
Number of Community members trained in LMST.	6,206	5,609	3,551
Number of community members trained as Communty Resoruce Persons (CRPs)	823	801	516
Number of Community members trained in MALT.	498	498	172
Prepare and deliver training on CAT & CIF for CRP's	823	801	516
Number of government officials and local government representatives trained on CDD approaches	332	235	140
Facilitate experience sharing among community-based organizations through arranging Manager Conferences - CBO Conferences	391	208	204
Knowledge sharing exposure visits for community activists	2,706	2,164	1,127
Knowledge sharing exposure visits for LA's and LSO representatives and staff	623	205	226
Youth engagement in development by arranging recreational activities in schools/Youth Clubs	1,862	1,088	1,628
C. Development and Planning			
Preparing household level MIPs	294,713	289,494	154,990
Preparing VDPs	3,103	3,090	1,420
Number of Women COs involved in planning	-	-	2,408

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	Overall Programme Targets (All RSPs)		
KPIs	Total Target (2017-2022)	Target Year 1-3 (2017-2020)	Achievments
Number of Women VOs involved in planning	-	-	514
Number of Women LSOs involved in planning	-	-	3
Preparing UC Development Plans UCDPs	249	247	113
Stakeholder meeting workshop including VDPs	136	36	45
JDDC's meetings at District level on Quarterly Basis from Year II (JDDC)	192	92	33
D. Gender Mainstreaming and Development			
Gender ToT on organisational HR/Gender policies and anti-sexual harassment laws:	15	15	17
Gender ToT for BRSP key BRACE staff on gender mainstreaming and sensitisation actions in communities	40	40	50
Prepared and deliver gender sensitisation session for CRPs and LSO members (20 participants/ session x 63 sessions = (633 CRPs +633 LSO members = 1266 Participants)	1,536	1,395	1,268
E. Community Physical Infrastructure CPI			
Community needs identified for basic infrastructure in the VDPs and UCDPs CPIs	363	363	1,052
Prepare technical, financial and environmental feasibilities of infrastructure schemes	363	347	182
Technical training of community institutions on Project management, financial management, O&M of the infrastructure schemes (19 participants / event x 24 events each of 3 days = 456 participants)	1,722	1,534	123
Approval by Joint District Development Committees for the infrastructure project	363	257	147
Initiation of approved infrastructure projects. (CPIs Initiated)	363	257	108
Number of HHs Benefiting from initiated CPIs	5,000	4,474	9,433
Individual Beneficiaries of initiated CPIs	32,000	28,634	48,069
Male Beneficiarie of CPIs initiated	13,440	12,026	22,610
Female Beneficiarie of CPIs initiated	18,560	16,608	25,459
Number of CPIs compliant with environmental and climate resilience standards	152	136	66
Completion of infrastructure projects & Regular O&M of completed infrastructure projects by the community institutions (CPIs Completed)	363	212	9
Number of HHs Benefiting from Completed CPIs	5,000	4,474	1,011
Individual Beneficiaries of Completed CPIs	32,000	28,634	6,166
Male Beneficiarie of CPIs Completed	13,440	12,026	2,590
Female Beneficiarie of CPIs Completed	18,560	16,608	3,576
Total amount of sub-grants for CPI with LSOs	147,896,000	132,328,000	22,495,694
Total amount of sub-grants for CPI with VOs	-	-	59,130,022
F. Community Investment Fund (CIF)			
Number of LSOs managing CIF	232	147	44
Total amount of CIF with LSOs (PKR)	3,948,400,000	289,000,000	86,600,000
Average CIF per LSO (PKR.)	1,800,000	1,800,000	3,900,000
No. of HHs identified eligible for CIF in MIPs (0-23) (CIF Resource Requirement)	9,000	7,000	2,277
Number of HH benefiting from CIF for productive asset building and income generation	23,550	10,000	1,044
Men	-	-	-
Women	9,000	7,000	1,044
Total amount of CIF disbursed to poor households by (VOs/LSOs) (PKR) (0-23)	3,948,400,000	125,000,000	31,335,000
G. Income Generating Grants (IGG)			

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	Overall Programme Targets (All RSPs)		
KPIs	Total Target (2017-2022)	Target Year 1-3 (2017-2020)	Achievments
Number of LSOs managing IGG sub-grants	236	131	44
Number of VOs managing IGG sub-grants	-	-	34
Total amount of IGG sub-grants with LSOs/VOs (PKR)	514,460,000	121,750,000	100,027,800
Number of households benefiting from income generation grants (IGGs) for productive asset building and income generation	10,216	2,850	2,182
Total amount of IGG sub-grants disbursed to poor households (PSC 0-18) - (PKR)	514,460,000	121,750,000	98,357,800
IGG Categories:	-	-	-
Livestock	-	-	1,375
Agriculture	-	-	23
Enterprise	-	-	784
H. Technical & Vocational Edcucation and Training			
Number of community members identified for TVET (TVET Resource Requirement)	3,098	2,068	1,761
Garments	-	-	300
Beauty Industry	-	-	60
Digital printing and Tie & Dye and Tappa	-	-	30
Automobile	-	-	89
Electronic and Computer	-	-	255
Others	-	-	90
I. Adult Literacy and Numeracy Skills			
Number of community members (specially women) trained in ALNS (Adult literacy & Numeracy Skills)	10,720	6,524	5,392
J. Enterprise Development Training Skills			
Number of community memebers (specially women) trained on EDT	10,340	6,388	2,862
K. PWDs			
Assessement survey of PWDs in targeted Union Councils	3587	3587	4,400
Provision of assistive devices to identified PWDs (Orth/Prosth)	0	0	3,613

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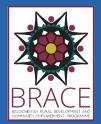
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