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Balochistan Local Government Act to Recognise Community Institutions

The Balochistan Local Government Act 2010 reforms were expected to be concluded in the third Quarter of 2021, but deliberations remained ongoing. In the meantime, first phase of the Local Government Bodies Election was held, and Local Councillors are in process of taking their positions. The BRACE TA team visited in June 2022, the Chair of the Assembly Sub

Committee on LG Reforms, and was re-assured that the amendment of LG Act Section 87 remained very much on the cards, and was expected to be adopted. The proposed amendment of the Balochistan LG Act 2010, section 87, will provide the crucial legal cover for Community Institutions and for the Community Led Local Governance (CLLG) Policy, which is being finalised

under the leadership of the Local Government and Rural Development Department (LG&RDD) and were submitted for adoption by the relevant GoB Competent Authorities. Finally, "Section 87 has been passed [August 2022] including the role of Community Institutions/CBO" as triggered by the BRACE Technical Assistance project.



On 23rd June 2022, the TA Team visited Mr Qadir Nayal, MPA and Chair Balochistan Assembly Sub-Committee on Local Government, to receive an update on the Local Government Act (LGA 2010) Reforms, in particular on the proposed inclusion of Section 87, on Mobilised Community Institutions as recognised institutional partners to the Local Councils and as part of the GoB Local Governance systems.

GoB Local Government Department Endorses final Draft of the CLLG Policy

DAI, the BRACE Technical Assistance (TA) partner facilitated continued discussions with all relevant GoB counterparts through the LG&RD Sector Coordination Committee (SCC), chaired by Secretary LG&RDD. The SCC involved all key departments; LG&RDD, Planning and Development Department, Social Welfare Department, Finance, Women Development Department and the Rural Support Programmes (RSPs) of Pakistan. The final draft of the Community-Led Local

Governance (CLLG) Policy, a CLLG Policy Framework, and the structure of the CLLG Policy Implementation Manual (PIM), with detailed procedures were tabled in the SCC meeting. The following topics were covered in the discussions: the GoB CLLG Financing Procedures, the Institutional Framework to Implement GoB CLLG Development Programmes, the Social Mobilisation Roadmap, the Joint District Development Committee (JDDC) ToRs and Guidelines, the District Development Strategy

and Planning Guidelines, a holistic approach to bottom-up socio-economic development & poverty alleviation, guidelines for Community Physical Infrastructures and the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, & Learning (MEAL). The SCC Meeting adopted the final draft of the Community-Led Local Governance (CLLG) Policy and CLLG Policy Framework for further processing and submission for adoption by the relevant GoB competent authorities.

Sectoral Coordination Meeting in progress



SCC Meeting held on 6th June 2022 at the Office of the Secretary LG&RDD

The Balochistan Community-Led Local Governance (CLLG) Policy

The Government of Balochistan (GoB) is developing an innovative governance framework to make the participatory democracy part of the governance systems at local level. This innovative and transformational governance framework titled “Community-Led Local Governance (CLLG) Policy” is being developed to strengthen the local government system by increasing its outreach and by integrating the voice of common people for their bottom-up development planning process. The CLLG Policy guides and triggers the possible synergies and linkages between the development initiatives of the Government and the empowered Citizens and Communities, thereby

making the GoB's poverty reduction efforts more effective and sustainable, and make social services delivery more effective and relevant, by responding to articulated community-identified priority-needs. By mobilising the community members themselves and their monetary and in-kind community resources, and by encouraging complementarity and synergy through co-financing/co-investments between GoB and Community Institutions (CIs) resources, the scope, size and quality of joint GoB/CI investments and of the GoB services delivery interventions can be increased. The lessons-learned and best-practices of the European Union-Funded

Balochistan Community Development Programme (BCDP 2013-2017) and the Balochistan Rural Development and Community Empowerment (BRACE) Programme (2017-2022) provided the key inputs for this GoB Community-Led Local Development Policy. The GoB CLLG Policy pursues the following principles: Transparency & Accountability, Subsidiarity and empowerment of Communities, an Institutional recognised position of the Community Institutions, Public Private Partnership (PPP) to seek synergy among all stakeholders, and proposed Capacity building to ensure that the transformative processes can be implemented. The CLLG Policy

framework has tremendous potential to attract donors' funds and will open a huge window of opportunity for GoB/ donors collaboration and co-funding,

which will transform the development landscape in Balochistan. The final draft of the GoB CLLG Policy was endorsed by a GoB Sector Coordination

Committee (SOC) in August 2022, and will be submitted for further processing and submission for adoption by the relevant GoB competent authorities.



Foreign Training for GoB Officials at The Hague (Netherlands) Academy of Local Governance

Foreign Training for Selected GoB Officials



Pre-departure briefing with GoB officials participating in the Short Training Course, "Citizen Participation and Inclusive Governance" at HAFLG organised at BRACE TA Office on 8th June 2022



Short Course on "Citizen Participation and Inclusive Governance" in progress at HAFLG, from 13th-24th June 2022

The EU-Funded BRACE TA Project facilitated the participation in the 2-weeks open-course on "Citizen Participation & Inclusive Governance" in June 2022 organised by The Hague Academy for Local Governance (HAFLG) for Secretary Local Government & Rural Development Department and Secretary Women Development Department. This capacity building

through foreign training for selected GoB officials falls under the capacity-building and training activity of Result Areas 3 and 5 of the BRACE TA project. The Hague Academy of Local Governance (HAFLG) in the Netherlands, is a globally reputed institute that provides capacity-development training (Open Courses) that are directly related to the BRACE TA

proposed CLLG Policy Reforms, which the TA and GoB are pursuing under the BRACE Programme. Upon their return, the two course participants will make a joint presentation on their learning-outcomes, and the relevance of this course for selected GoB stakeholders involved in the design of the proposed GoB Community-Led Local Governance (CLLG) Policy.