

# Annual Progress Report

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Balochistan Rural Development Society (BRDS)  
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## **Foreword**

The year 2015-16 was another successful expedition. BRDS could expand its outreach significantly to ultra-poor and vulnerable community in Balochistan. The mix of interventions from social mobilization, institutional developmental, capacity building to livelihood enhancement and skill augmentation had enabled the ultra-poor and vulnerable communities to improve their living standards and break free from the vicious cycle of poverty.

BRDS continued thriving in the year and came closer to accomplishing its strategic goals. It was able to reach 77,210 people in focused districts of Balochistan during the period and ensured beneficiaries' access to clean drinking water and sanitation facilities. It set up small enterprises for the ultra-poor and vulnerable men and women to help them generate incomes and become self-sufficient.

Also, BRDS was able to develop linkages of community institutions with government departments and non-governmental organizations to achieve synergies between them. It continued with its effort for the attainment of MDGs through its community institutions to contribute to health, education, environment, and poverty alleviation.

We thank all the friends, supporters, staff, and volunteers of BRDS, who made it possible for us to continue with our struggle in all these years. I am proud to see BRDS as one of the leading organizations in Balochistan that continues to serve the poor in the most challenging terrain in the country.

Thanks

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## Acronyms & Abbreviations

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<b>UC</b>	Union Council
<b>CO</b>	Community Organization
<b>VO</b>	Village Organization
<b>LSO</b>	Local Support Organization
<b>PPAF</b>	Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund
<b>EDT</b>	Enterprise Development Training
<b>HH</b>	Household
<b>CIG</b>	Common Interest Group
<b>LIP</b>	Livelihood Investment Plan
<b>PSC</b>	Poverty Score Card
<b>ESMF</b>	Environmental and Social Management Framework
<b>WB</b>	World Bank
<b>CIs</b>	Community Institutions
<b>ID</b>	Institutional Development
<b>CPI</b>	Community Physical Infrastructure
<b>LEP</b>	Livelihood Enhancement & Protection
<b>LEED</b>	Livelihood Enhancement & Employment Development
<b>PO</b>	Partner Organization

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## 1. BRDS' Outreach

BRDS has its presence in the following districts:

- ❖ Sibi
- ❖ Lehri
- ❖ Naseerabad
- ❖ Jaffarabad
- ❖ Dera Bugti
- ❖ Lehri
- ❖ Harnai
- ❖ Ziarat
- ❖ Kalat
- ❖ Khuzdar
- ❖ Awaran

## 2. Introduction to BRDS

BRDS is a Balochistan-based non-government and non-profit organization for rural development. It was registered with Voluntary Social Welfare Department on October 29, 2005. It aims at mitigating poverty of the poorest of the poor living in rural areas to cater for their basic needs through harnessing their skills, creativity, and available resources.

### **Vision:**

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BRDS envisages an ideal life where people from all races, creeds and backgrounds, without discrimination of their religion, status and values, have the prospect to serve and to be served in consideration with gender-equality and respect for their rights and cultures.

### **Mission:**

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Commitment to raise self-reliant communities by helping them acquire greater control over their critical resources; carrying forward initiatives and concerns; harnessing their potentials through participatory people's activities; and empowering them through building their capacity with emphasis on women.

### 3. Highlights of the Period 2015-16

#### Community Physical Infrastructure & Institutional Development

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In 2015, BRDS and PPAF jointly embarked on CPI and ID projects in Sibi district. The prime objectives of the projects were to build community infrastructure to improve the living standards and income of the community members as well as to augment the institutional capacity of the CIs and thereby build exit into entry point.

#### Livelihood Enhancement and Protection

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BRDS and PPAF started livelihood program in district Sibi in unison. The livelihood program aimed at enhancing the existing skills of the ultra-poor and vulnerable households, setting up small enterprises for the poor community through transferring assets, and forming groups of the beneficiaries with common interests.

#### World Bank Meeting in Islamabad

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BRDS' staff and LSO members of Sibi attended a World Bank meeting in Islamabad in May 2015 to present their program achievements, case studies and success stories of focused UCs of district Sibi, Balochistan. The meeting was orchestrated by PPAF and attended by PPAF's POs.

#### BRDS and PPAF Launch Dera Bugti Project

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BRDS and PPAF launched a project in UC Sham, Tehsil Phelawagh, district Dera Bugti for six months from July 2015 to Dec 2015 to establish CIs of the local population, build income of the vulnerable community and provide community basic infrastructure in the wake of a decade long displacement of the population in neighboring areas.

BRDS ably created 58 COs, 7 VO's, and an LSO in the area and provided productive assets and infrastructure schemes to the community to rekindle a beacon of hope in the population.

#### BRDS and PPAF Embark Upon ID, LEED and CPI Projects in Sibi

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To complement its years' long sponsorship and technical support in district Sibi, PPAF provided additional resources to BRDS for the two existing UCs of the district Sibi. The additional resources were for ID, LEED and CPI components, which BRDS had to utilize for three months – January 2016 to March 2016.

## 4. BRDS' Partners

BRDS' partners are the following:

- ❖ PPAF
- ❖ UNICEF
- ❖ Concern Worldwide
- ❖ USAID
- ❖ UNOCHA (ERF)
- ❖ WWF TVO
- ❖ Government of Balochistan



## 5. BRDS in Alliances and Networks

BRDS is a member of the following alliances and networks:

- Pakistan Coalition of Education
- Youth Advocacy Network
- Human Resource Development Network
- National Humanitarian Network
- Gender Based Violence Network, Balochistan
- Alliance for Social Mobilization Balochistan
- Balochistan Education Forum
- Green Member of WWF

## 6. BRDS' Board of Directors

S. No	Name	Designation
1	Shazia Noreen	President
2	Manzoor Zaman	Vice-President
3	Ejaz Swati	General Secretary
4	Najam ul Haq	Finance Secretary
5	Hamayoun Kasi	Joint Secretary
6	Shafeeq Ahmed	Member
7	Oudoos Ahmed	Member
8	Sultan Khilji	Member
9	Mir Haider Shahwani	Member



## 7. Years: 2015-16 in Review:

### 7.1. Community Physical Infrastructure & Institutional Development

In 2015, BRDS and PPAF jointly embarked on CPI and ID projects in two focused UCs of district Sibi. The prime objectives of the projects were to build community infrastructure, improve the living standards and income of the community members as well as to augment the institutional capacity of the CIs and thereby build exit into entry.



The main achievements of the projects are as following:

#### Achievements of CPI Project

- Provision of 25 CPI schemes to 25 COs:
  - Development of 13 sanitation schemes
  - Development of 5 DWSS schemes
  - Construction of 6 irrigation schemes
  - Erection of 1 flood protection scheme
- Conduct of training in O&M for the O&M committees

#### Achievements of ID Project

- Selection of 32 CRPs in two UC of Sibi district
- Training of 32 CRPs in eight areas
- Conduct of institutional capacity building training of VO and LSO members in the district
- Conduct of a Show & Tell event in the district to showcase CIs' successes, products, and other stories
- Conduct of Peace, Pluralism and Interprovincial Harmony training, walk, theater as well as sports competition in the district
- Development of a district level platform of CIs, CRPs, government and NGOs to enable CIs to bring on table their issues and thereby talk about the solutions.



- Organization of awareness and advocacy campaigns on social issues as well as state citizen relationships at VO level in the focused UCs
- Provision of training to staff members in peace and pluralism as well as knowledge management
- Conduct of 122 re-engagement meetings with COs; elections in 30 VOs and 2 LSOs; and arrangement of an LSO level broad-based meeting of CI members
- And review and modification of 30 VDPs and 2 UCDPs of the VOs and LSOs



## 7.2. Livelihood Enhancement and Protection

BRDS and PPAF started livelihood program in district Sibi in unison. The livelihood program aimed at enhancing the existing skills of the ultra-poor and vulnerable households, setting up small enterprises for the poor community through transferring assets, and forming groups of the beneficiaries with common interests.



The LEP program entailed the following major activities:

- Preparation of LIPs of Ultra-poor and Vulnerable Households
- Conduct of Skill Trainings in Agriculture, Livestock, Poultry, Tailoring, Embroidery, Electrician, Carpentry, Auto Mobile, Mobile Repairing, etc
- Transfer of Assets to Ultra-poor Households Identified Through PSC
- Provision of EDT Trainings to Asset Holders to Set up Their Enterprises
- Formation of CIGs of the Asset Holders
- Building of Linkages of CIGs to the Local Market for Purchasing and Selling of Products
- Establishment of Production Centers at Local Levels



Under the LEP program, we provided assets (each was worth Rs. 50,000) to ultra-poor families identified through the conduct of a carpet survey (PSC) at the start of the 2013. Before or during transfer of assets, the asset beneficiaries were imparted EDT and skill trainings. The nature and type of assets provided are as follows:

- Livestock – sheep, cow, and poultry
- Tailoring toolkits
- Embroidery toolkits
- Kiryana Store Items
- Donkey Cart
- Rickshaw
- Computers for Centers



The duration of trainings imparted to the beneficiaries differed from five days to fifteen days or thirty days. BRDS provided wage compensations to ultra-poor beneficiaries that participated in the trainings.



BRDS had completed transfer of 109 assets to poverty-stricken families in the focused villages and created 12 CIGs.

Through the LEP program, the living condition of beneficiary families had ameliorated in the focused areas. The impact of the LEP interventions had ensured socio-economic stability in the area.

### **World Bank Meeting in Islamabad**

Upon the completion of the World Bank Phase III funding umbrella, it was time to assess the achievements, case studies, success stories as well as best practices of the POs of PPAF under WB Phase III in May 2015.

From Balochistan, PPAF selected three POs, inclusive of BRDS, to take part in the WB meeting in Islamabad. BRDS' staff and LSO members of Sibi attended the WB meeting in Islamabad to present their program achievements, case studies, success stories and best practices of focused UCs of district Sibi, Balochistan.

During the WB meeting, the staff and LSO members gave a detailed presentation and thereby answered questions of the WB team members. The meeting eventually culminated in submission of the presentations to the WB team members.



### BRDS and PPAF Launch Dera Bugti Project

The local population of the UC Sham, Tehsil Phelawagh, district Dera Bugti had been in internal displacement for nearly a decade due to an armed conflict and had only started returning in 2015 with the hope of neutralized situation back home.

PPAF and BRDS, having an eye on the overall development, planned to launch a project in the area for the returnees to make sure they turn to normalization and stability. The project spanned six months from July 2015 to December 2015.



The major outputs and achievements of the six-month project are as follows:

- Formation of 58 COs in the UC
- Formation of 7 VOs and one LSO
- Provision of 9 solar electrification schemes in the area
- Transfer of 26 productive assets to ultra-poor and vulnerable HHs
- Conduct of CMST trainings for 130 CO members
- Training of 28 participants in enterprise development
- Training of 20 participants in O&M of solar systems



### **BRDS and PPAF Embark Upon ID, LEED and CPI Projects in Sibi**

BRDS, after completing ID and CPI projects in the third quarter of the 2015, initiated a three-month integrated project in the two existing UCs of the district Sibi. The integrated project comprised ID, LEED, and CPI components of the PPAF.

PPAF, in an attempt to complement its years' long sponsorship and technical support in district Sibi, jointly inaugurated the three-month (January to March 2016) project. The additional resources were meant to further penetrate deep into the community and thereby reap social and economic benefits for the poor community in the area.

Upon the completion of the three-month integrated project in two UCs of the Sibi, the following are the major achievements:

- 300 productive assets transferred to 300 ultra-poor and vulnerable HHs
- 18 CPI schemes provided to 18 COs in the focused areas, which include:
  - 12 sanitation schemes
  - 3 irrigation schemes
  - 3 flood protection schemes
- Conduct of third party audit of the two LSOs of the Sibi
- PCP certification of the two LSOs in the area
- Training of 300 participants in enterprise development
- Training of committee members in O&M in the target areas

## 8. BRDS in Networks and Alliances

BRDS has been playing its part on various provincial, national and international forums in taking up advocacy and lobbying campaigns on strategic issues, such as water, environment, gender, health, child rights, and good governance. The networks have been very effective in dealing with issues of public interest, articulation and promulgation of laws and suggesting refinement in the government policies.

During the year 2015-16, BRDS became a Green Member of WWF-Pakistan. It also became a member of National Humanitarian Network.

BRDS had also worked in close collaboration with the following provincial government departments.

- Local government and rural development department
- PHED
- Health department
- Education department
- Social welfare department
- Forest department
- Irrigation and agriculture department
- Environmental protection agency

## 9. SALIENT FEATURE

BRDS' service delivery has been phenomenal throughout the year. Quality has been the underlying element in service delivery. It has always been ensured that BRDS will not compromise on quality.

All BRDS' programs and interventions were environmental-friendly and sustainable. BRDS followed to PPAF'S "environmental and social management framework (ESMF)" to comply with the environmental protocols.

Over the years, the organization has worked seriously on its monitoring structure to lift up its activities and do the utmost to satiate the requirements of donors.