

## At a glance

Certificate No: PCP-2005/0072

### Registration

The Companies Ordinance, 1984 (Registration No. Q-00062) on 8 April, 1991 in Quetta.

### Major Programmes

Social Mobilisation, Micro Credit, Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI); Human Resource Development (HRD); Natural Resource Management (NRM); Gender and Social Sector Services (GSSS)

### Human Resource

Governing Body: 15 members  
Chairperson: Mr. Naseer A. Tareen.  
Staff Strength: 48 (42 males, 6 females)

### Area of Operation

The Organisation is present in all Tehsils of Dist. Mastung

### Banks

Allied Bank Ltd. Quetta.

### Auditors

Rehman Iqbal Umar Iftikhar & Co. Chartered Accountants, Quetta

### Tax Status

To date have not applied for tax exemption.

### For Information and Donations

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## Mission

BRSP works for poverty alleviation in the rural areas of Balochistan and to bring improvement in the lives of rural poor.



## From the Start to Now

Balochistan Rural Support Programme was set up with financial assistance from the Balochistan Government and GTZ, a German based organisation working in Balochistan in 1991. In the mid 90s, the programme existed in 13 districts of Balochistan, with 250 staff members. BRSP's programme, however, almost closed down in the subsequent years as donors withdrew support. After a brief interval of inactivity, BRSP restarted its operations in 2001 with financial support from PPAF. Commensurate with the size of the financial support, operations started in District Mastung, close to Quetta.

## The Programme

Like other RSP's, social mobilisation is the key element in the 'self-help' strategy. This requires that the rural poor are organised into small groups called Community Organisations (COs) for collective action. BRSP defines a CO as a body of the community representing all or at least 20 to 75% of the households in a certain locality, who have common interests and reside in a specific geographical area within a village. These COs work for local development and income generation initiatives with the help of available resources and through different interventions such as micro-credit, and community physical infrastructure schemes.

## Current Operations

### Social Mobilisation

The formation of COs provides the community with a forum where they can get together to discuss and identify common issues, concerns and aspirations; chalk out individual and collective development plans and make efforts to achieve their development objectives. All CO members are required to hold regular CO meetings and to save, creating discipline among the members and ensure that assets begin to accumulate. BRSP has fostered 739 COs (383 male COs and 301 Women's Organisations or Wos).

The total membership of these COs is 12,294 rural households while CO savings amount to Rs. 1,512,657 a substantial amount considering the meager income opportunities available for the people.

#### Micro Credit

BRSP provides credit to the members of COs for their income enhancement in a manner that is quick, easy, affordable and available at source. The COs assess the credit worthiness of a borrower, and submit the loan application to BRSP with at least 80% of CO members signatures. Over the years over 20.3 million has been disbursed to the rural communities through COs. More than 2,278 people have availed the credit facility for agriculture and livestock. The average loan size is Rs. 8,928. The success of this programme is evident from the fact that the number of credit seekers has increased over the years. The organisation has maintained a credit recovery rate of at least 84%.

#### Community Physical Infrastructure (CPI)

BRSP assists the COs in developing infrastructure in their area by helping them identify their problems and prioritising them. Through a resolution, a CO gives approval for undertaking a community project and sends it to BRSP for technical and financial assistance. Under the CPI programme BRSP provides 80% of the total project cost with the local community contributing 20%. The rationale behind this partnership is to ensure the active participation of the community and to develop in them a sense of ownership for the project at hand. To date, 350 community built and managed physical infrastructure schemes have been surveyed by BRSP. 150 schemes have been completed with a total cost of Rs. 68.8 million out of which 13.8 million comprises of community participation (cash and labour).

#### Human Resource Development

The main thrust behind the HRD programme is to build the capacity of CO members to achieve their objective of increasing their household income and improving their quality of life. Under the HRD initiative 2 main types of capacity building programmes are conducted: Community Managerial Training and Skill Enhancement Training.

#### Rewarding Innovations at the District level

BRSP has won 7 projects funded. Of these 3 have been completed successfully while others are in the process. These successful projects include Block Top Road Mastung, Irrigation Channel Ziarat and Boring for Drinking Water. These Projects were basically designed to create new opportunities at the district level in Pakistan. United States Aid for International Development (USAID) and Rural Support Programme Network (RSPN) signed the agreement in 2003 for a two-year programme, which will end in September 2005. The objective is to address priority challenges within the community with the partnership of the Public and Private Sector. NPOs and Community Based Organisations (CBOs) are the third member of these partnerships.

“ In the year 2000, the President of Pakistan awarded Ms. Sehat Khatoon with the “Tamgha-e-Imtiaz” for embroidery. She is the first Baloch woman to get this award and BRSP was instrumental in her achievement ”

Mr. Naseer A. Tareen, *Chairperson, BRSP*

### Income and Sources of Funding (Rs.)

Sources of funds	2003	2004	2005
Self Generated Income	2,465,563	2,741,010	2,317,661
National (Grants/ Donations)	18,134,448	14,775,973	58,871,721
International (Grants/ Donations)	-	-	-
Total	20,600,011	17,516,983	61,189,382