



MEMORANDUM OF ACTIONS Balochistan Province

We, The Elected Local Representatives and Officials, National and Provincial Associations of Local Governments, Development Partners and Civil Society Organizations are gathered at the Webinar on “Local Government Efforts to Respond COVID-19 Outbreak in Pakistan”.

Recognising the work done by the local governments (elected representatives and officials) in COVID 19 crises and considering that actions need to be undertaken to ensure strong democratic local governance through effective local governments and the associations for emergency response and SDGs implementation in Pakistan; we

1. **CALL ON** provincial governments to incorporate explicit clauses for expanded role and functions as well as the require financial and administrative powers of local governments to play their effective role in humanitarian, disasters and emergencies crises through amendments in local government Acts by keeping in view the experience and need to respond COVID-19 at local level.
2. **URGE** for the essential health and other emergency relief services should be under the direct authority of the local governments to respond like COVID crises situation.
3. **URGE** that the solid waste management is the basic functions of local government as per Balochistan Local Government Act 2010; hence the local government should be provided necessary resources for improve service delivery to health hygiene and sanitation.
4. **CALL ON** Government of Balochistan, PDMA and Local Administrators to engage the ex-LG representatives (until new election of local government held), private sector and CSOs for coordinated efforts to respond to COVID-19.



5. **URGE** Government of Balochistan to ensure the distribution of resources through Provincial Finance Commission (PFC) and ensure participation of LG members in Local Councils Grants Committee (LCGC). The new local government law should carry the provision of at least 30% ADP budget to be spent directly through the local governments.
6. **URGE** that there is no elected local government system in place since January 2019, Provincial Government and Election Commission should immediately announce the schedule for next election without any delay.
7. **CALL ON** The Local Government and Law Departments to engage LCAB members and the ex-local government representatives for their proposal/ recommendation based on their experience and challenges for legal reforms in Local Government Act of Balochistan before next elections.
8. **Call ON** Local Government Department of Balochistan to organise capacity building programme for the newly elected members.
9. **Call ON** Government of Balochistan to recognize the role of LCAB in the new local government Act. Local Governments and their association should be allowed to receive direct donor funding for health, social protection and food supply under a strong monitoring mechanism.