

Case-Study

Ms. Razia : from infliction to recuperation

Life became arduous for Razia, an inhabitant of district Mardan, when she was diagnosed with a thyroid problem. A poor mother of two children, aged 6 years and 8 years. She was abandoned by her husband and had no source of permanent income. For her life became a constant ordeal.



She used to work as a volunteer in Polio programs for the community and used to get a meager stipend which was too insufficient for her to make both the ends meet. Eventhough life was unfair to this unfortunate lady she still had the will and determination to educate her children against all odds. Both her children are being educated in a government school. Her son is currently enrolled in grade one and daughter goes to grade 4. She is an educated woman herself and has passed middle school. Therefore she realizes the importance of education in one's life.

Razia was suffering from critical thyroid problem and required instant medical observation. The pain had increased to such an extent that she was unable to eat or drink anything. OSDI realized her acute condition and aided her medical treatment.

After which she underwent a thyroid profile test on doctor's recommendation to validate her condition, further she was brought to Peshawar. Dr. Naeem Zia, after thoroughly examining her, informed OSDI that she was suffering from extreme physical pain. He also mentioned that there was less possibility of her suffering from dysphagia (*difficulty or discomfort in swallowing*) and dyspnea (*difficult or labored breathing*).



Under the recommendation of doctors, she was taken to a hospital in Rawalpindi and her treatment began. OSDI financed her entire treatment. And she was also provided an amount of PKR 15000, to cover the expenses incurred on logistics, meals and other overheads.

Under OSDI's health care program, her treatment has been successful. Today she is leading a healthy and happy life along with her children. We aspire for her good health.