

## Case-Study

### Bhali Deno - Road to Reconstruction



Bhali Deno was fortunate enough to be one of the first to know about the approaching floods in the village of Jamal Hajano. Much like the other people of community he salvaged whatever he could of his belongings and evacuated along with his family which included his handicapped son, blind brother in law, a wife and a daughter who made their flight to safety in an adjoining village where they sought refuge with relatives.

Safe from the destructive path of the floods, Bhali Deno's problems only seemed to be starting "I had sleepless night wondering about my home and my livestock. I wondered whether I would ever be able to support my family like I previously did."

His worst fears were confirmed when he saw his wrecked home and missing livestock upon returning. "I was heartbroken. I did not have the will to reconstruct", he says.

With no means of livelihood, he also didn't have the necessary finances to rebuild his home either.

Help came in the way of a joint OSDI-UNOCHA intervention under the ERF shelter program where one room shelters were to be provided to the many unfortunate flood victims like him.

Had it not been for the ERF shelter program, it was nearly impossible for Bhali Deno, considering his inadequate means to rehabilitate himself. With his family dwelling in the safe confines of their shelter, Bhali Deno is gradually getting his life back on track.

"I am very happy. This house is better than our last one", he gleams looking at his new home.

Bhali Deno is one of the 182 households that have been given a new lease in life thanks to the program. Being spared from the huge costs of rebuilding their houses, they can turn to other pressing needs such as health and livelihoods.