

CASE-STUDY

Ghulam Muhammad: Augmenting possibilities

Ghulam Muhammad, resident of the village Mari Muhammad Khan, district Matiari is exploring new domains every day. He had a family of seven members and only a scanty piece land. His life miraculously changed after he became a beneficiary of OSDI's Kitchen Garden (KG) program. For a person's sustenance, food plays a pivotal role. In a typical household in Pakistan approximately PRK. 100s worth of vegetables are cooked on an average. Therefore, food is one of the primary needs of a human's continued existence.



For fulfillment of his fundamental needs, Muhammad had a piece of land. It was not fit for cultivation. It was a sterile and saline. In order to start showing positive yield, the land needed to be contrived efficiently. He worked industriously for making his land productive. During the first two phases of KG, he couldn't get a great deal of success. But by the 7th phase of KG project, with OSDI's support and help, not only his production increased exponentially but he also started saving PKR 1500-2000 a month.



His phenomenal yield increased in terms of an assorted variety of fruits and vegetables. He started generating 1 and a half kg of spinach every week, 2kgs of rich gourd, and 10-15kgs of tomatoes. Besides this he also cultivated lemon, mint and green chilies. As a cherry on the cake, he produced guava and grapes that lead to his garden's expansion. The most exotic exception to his garden is the green-tea which surely reflects his horizon for his betterment.

In a statement, Ghulam said: *"I had a piece of land but didn't have the exposure and vision to make it fruitful. If OSDI had not intervened, I would have never become a part of KG and not benefitted from it. Now I don't have to worry about my daily meals. All my money that was previously spent on food now gets saved. Moreover, I also lend the surplus produce to my neighbors. I will always be obliged to OSDI for supporting me."*

OSDI is longing and striving for many such underprivileged people and hopes that it can impact their lives in any positive way.