

Nabi Baksh – Growing Positively



Mr. Nabi Baksh is a beneficiary of OSDI's signature Livelihood Assistance Program (LAP) which aims to empower the vulnerable beneficiaries towards uplifting them economically to generate some savings, overcoming their debt traps and proceeding towards asset creation. LAP has a sub-division of Agriculture Development Project (ADP). During the 3rd phase of ADP in district Lasbela (Baluchistan), Baksh joined the project to participate as a farmer in Wheat crop cultivation.

Baksh is a resident of Qambrani Goth; which is located in the Municipal Committee of Utthal. He is the sole bread earner for 8 members of his family. His aged mother, 4 sisters and 2 younger brothers are all dependent on him.

Prior to joining OSDI, he used to work on a shared land as a farmer. His financial condition was very poor due to high dependency and low-income generation. OSDI has facilitated him with agro inputs in the form of high yielding seeds, tillage amount and fertilizers.

To further the capacity building, Baksh received training from OSDI's agro expert on land preparation techniques, advance farming methods and linkages development with agriculture department; which brought substantial improvement in his farming skills. He properly utilized the inputs and training skills while cultivating crops; and with these results the productivity of his land increased. He produced the highest per acre production from wheat crop, which is 27 maunds per acre. Altogether, Baksh yielded 81 maunds of wheat from 3 acres of farmland.

The per capita income of Nabi Baksh has been improved with the grant given by OSDI under the project of ADP Phase-III. Furthermore, he utilized the profit amount received from current wheat crop by cultivating the cotton crop on 3 acres of farmland and cultivated luffa gourd on 1 acre of land by applying the techniques and methods; which he learnt from the basic trainings given by the agro experts of OSDI. According to him, "I have improved my living condition only because of OSDI's interventions. The organization has provided me all the necessary resources utilizing which I have managed to create positive changes in my life."