

Waseem– Breaking the Norms



Son of a daily wage labourer called Shameen, 7 year old Waseem is a smiling young boy belonging to the focused vulnerable community of Akhundara. Located in district Mardan (KPK), this village lies in the union council of Palo Dheri.

Before being enrolled in OSDI's built Temporary Learning Centre (TLC) of Akhundara, this child used to graze goats rather than getting educated. His parents due to financial constraints could not afford his education. Another reason was the unavailability of school facility in his village.

Similar to his parents, he too had a bleak future of being left at the hands illiteracy. He along with his 5 siblings was about to face the same future.

Waseem idolizes his class teacher whom he admires for his dedication and commitment towards the students. His home is nearly 400 steps away from his school. He believes that, "Only if his father was also as fortunate as him; he too would have acquired some education and improved his life like his children, atleast they wouldn't have to live in poverty today. By opening an educational facility in his village, OSDI has saved many children like him from being left illiterate."

