

## Case-Study

### Manthaar Ali: A glint of positivity in the epoch of darkness

Manthaar Ali, a resident of district Shikarpur, reminisces upon his traumatic experience of the devastating floods that struck his village in August 2010. Being a blind man of 65 years, he had seen many tribulations and impediments in his life, yet this flood has made his life a bed of thorns. As the devastating floods hit the village, he and his wife were compelled to leave all their belongings and evacuate their house in search of a sanctuary. The ill-fated man didn't even have the money to safely move out. He took a loan from his friend to finance his trip.

OSDI intervened and aimed at lessening his burden of suffering. As he was destined to take refuge in a converted school building in Shikarpur, and was compelled to spend two difficult months there, this added to his miseries. He suffered a stroke in the relief camps leading to facial paralysis while his wife also suffered with complications regarding her hypertension.



In an agitated statement he exclaimed: *"I couldn't speak at all, couldn't talk to customers, which led to closure of my shop. I didn't have any money left, how could I rebuild my house again?"* OSDI under its One Room Shelter program provided him with some relief and assisted him technically and financially. Funds from the first two tranches have been made available to him through whom the structure of the house has been constructed with a roof scheduled to be installed in the month of August, after the third tranche is disbursed. This has proven as a ray of hope for him and he also planned on starting his business again.

OSDI is proving as the silver lining on the cloud for Manthaar and many such despondent families. We wish that he hopes to thrive with positivity in future.