

## CASE-STUDY

### MASMAAT KUNJA: A journey from desolation to protection

Masmat Kunja led a quiet life in the hamlet of Punal Kashilo, district Shikarpur, when the devastating floods in August 2010, caught her off guard. Till that misfortunate day, she was leading a happy and content life with her husband and five children. She lost her bread earner in that catastrophe along-with all other belongings that she possessed, including two buffaloes and five goats.

OSDI intervened and helped her by providing some consolation and a room for her rehabilitation, under its One Room Shelter Program. As she became a widow, life became so miserable for her that she was unable to provide even two times meal for her children. Masumaat stated in sheer grief: “we have no one to provide for us. My children will die from hunger. How will we be able to eat?”



As food and shelter are two of the utmost needs of a person’s sustenance therefore OSDI helped in lessening her burden of miseries. Timely disbursement of funds, distributed through OSDI staff has enabled Masmat Kunja’s household to procure construction materials for rebuilding their destroyed house.

The house would provide her with some measure of relief in her struggles as a widow. Masmaat will not only have a place that will provide her solace but also where she would be able to nurture and flourish her offspring.

She thankfully admits: *“Days are hot and the heat unbearable in my tent. It would be great to move back under a proper roof after such a long time”*

OSDI hopes that this shelter leads to the tranquility of her life and her children.