

Case Study:

Infected Hand of Mohammad Said - Mardan

In the mighty range of Himalayas, there is a beautiful valley named Saeedabad which is one of the focus villages of district Mardan in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. OSDI has set-up a Primary Healthcare Center to help provide a cost-effective, standardized, self-reliant primary healthcare delivery system. The PHC concurrently facilitates a population of 10,000 which has six days OPD and one day fortnightly medical camp for the people of focus villages.



Connecting to the clinical services it is very encouraging to share the scenario of a 60 year old patient named Mohammad Said. He is a resident of village Saeedabad who works as a Security guard in a textile mill. Said got a wound on his left hand, unawareness and negligence led the wound to become severely infected and spread drastically covering a large area of his arm. He realized the severity and rushed to visit PHC Mardan for doctor's consultation and urgent medication.



Unfortunately, Mohammad Said was enduring so much pain that he was even willing to cut his hand in order to avoid torment and pain.

Being poor enough he could not afford the medical expenses. However, he managed to visit OSDI's free weekly General Medical Camp and after a thorough examination by the visiting doctor, he was given first aid and referred to Mardan Medical Complex.

The initiative was taken by OSDI to facilitate and help this suffering man, by providing monetary assistance to bear his medical expenses. The patient was admitted in orthopedic ward for five days and surgical intervention was done by specialist doctors under general anesthesia. Moreover, after operation the doctors recommended daily dressing of the wound until it got better. The doctors even provided a plan for follow-up visits to the hospital for consultation.



OSDI Primary Health Center has been a great success in providing state-of-the-art primary health-care to the under-privileged through a cost-effective, standardized, self-reliant primary health-care delivery system.

From, Mohammad Said's intention to get rid of his hand due to unbearable pain, to his successfully accomplished treatment after OSDI's intervention and assistance is an example of how we are focusing to assist the under-privileged.



Today, Mohammad Said is living a healthy and productive life with the elevated standard of living and has become a role model for the society. He is motivated and now actively working with OSDI as a social mobilizer. And also advocates OSDI's mission through community meeting in the rural areas of district Mardan.