

## Enjoying livestock benefits



Residing in the vulnerable community of Faqeera Goth in Union Council Wayaro, Tehsil Utthal in district Lasbela (Baluchistan) Mai Nooran is a 40 year old female. She is the wife of Abdul Hameed. She is the mother of 2 children.

Prior to OSDI's intervention in this community Nooran had 2 goats. Since, these goats did not give milk hence, they had to purchase the milk from the market to make tea. Having 6 mouths to feed and limited income it was tough for this family to make the ends meet.

Upon selection of the vulnerable families for the signature Livelihood Assistance Program (LAP) of OSDI; Mai Nooran was chosen under the Livestock Development Project (LDP). As it was a grant being given, all the does that were purchased for this project were ensured to be pregnant during purchase.

Luckily, the does which Nooran received after balloting had all multiplied. So altogether, she got 9 goats. The two does she previously had also became pregnant so the number of herd increased. Now, she does not have to purchase milk from the market rather she utilizes the milk produced from the goats for self-consumption.

Besides this, she also avails the fresh water for her livestock from the solar water pump set-up by OSDI within her community. Due to the savings being generated from the monthly expenditure of milk purchasing; Mai Nooran has got her children enrolled in school.