

## Case-Study

### Rehmatullah Shar: A journey from impoverishment to robustness

Rehmatullah Shar, resident of Malhee, district Shikarpur reflect upon his adverse circumstances before he was introduced to OSDI. Having to support a family of six children and no proper source of income, he was leading a distressing life. In such times of destitution, he was not even able to feed his children twice a day, wholesomely. The health of his family was also at stake. Common diseases like cough, malaria and diarrhea were so recurring that he used to spend most of his savings on them.

OSDI under its ADP (Agriculture Development Project) strived at helping him. He had four acres of shared land for agricultural activities. He was highly indebted by the interest bearing loans that he used to acquire from the local landlord. Despite of it, his yield was not ample enough to fulfill the needs of his family. Moreover he was under the burden of loans. OSDI financed him an interest free loan after which he was able to acquire agricultural inputs for his expansion. These included seeds and fertilizers. His yield enhanced dynamically from a meager eight maunds of wheat per acre to a magnanimous 20 maunds per acre.



He is not only able to save 10 to 20% of his crop yield but also makes an average profit of 30% to 40%. He is also keen on getting his children educated. They were initially being sent to the local government school whose condition was really tarnished. The teachers used to remain absent and there was no proper infrastructure for the students to study in.

After the intervention of OSDI; his children above five years have been enrolled at OSDI Model School Malhee. Their health condition has also improved to a great degree. The widespread diseases are also under-control now. His children are no more malnourished and they get nutritive meals 3 times a day.

We at OSDI wish that he continues to grow with same vigor in the future.