

Case-Study

Sajida – A Miracle Child



It is said that, “*Education has the power to transform lives.*” OSDI firmly believes in imparting quality education to the under-privileged children residing in the rural communities of Pakistan. In consideration of the Millennium Development Goals of Pakistan, access to primary education is every child’s right.

Sajida is a 10 year old female child from the village of Godho Shar, district Shikarpur. Being mentally and physically handicapped, she is a special child. Her father is a farmer by profession, who has taken on

himself to educate all his children despite uneven circumstances. Her siblings include a brother and three sisters.

Born in a community where females are not considered equivalent to males, Sajida, was unfortunately a mentally disabled girl. Her twisted tongue, crippled feet and shaking hands did not allow her to convey her feelings to others. She would remain on her own the whole day not having any friends to play with. OSDI came as a ray of hope in this girl’s life. When OSDI intervened within the community the first step towards progress was to re-open the closed Government Primary School.

A teacher was appointed by OSDI to increase the school’s enrollment and ensure 100% attendance of each and every child within the village. Sajida seeing her siblings going to school started attending classes as well.

Today, as a result of her interest and regular attendance she is able to understand and write alphabets “A – B”. She has also learned to count numbers and read alphabets in Sindhi language. Not only this, she daily takes bath and changes her clothes on her own. She even keeps her hands neat and clean, having witnessed the Health & Hygiene related activities at school.



Sajida is an inspirational example of change for many. The way her life has transformed due to awareness being created because of education is how OSDI aims to empower every child in its focused village.