

## TLC in Yaqoob Jokhio becomes a Government School:



In 2019, OSDI upon the request of the local community members constructed a 2 classrooms based Temporary Learning Center (TLC) for more than 400 out-of-school children (OOSC) living in the adjacent areas of the vulnerable community of Yaqoob Jokhio. The village lies in the union council of Chaubandi in district Thatta (Sindh).

Female literacy in this village was barely visible. After a series of community mobilization sessions and frequent follow-ups the villagers agreed to send their girl children to school to acquire education. OSDI appointed teachers from within the community to gain the faith and trust of the local community. This way monitoring of the teacher was also possible as the School Management Committee (SMC) members and parents easily kept vigilance on their students and teachers as well.

OSDI's partner National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) took keen interest in the training and development of the teachers to ensure quality education was being delivered at the learning facility. To improve the teaching standards teachers training sessions were regularly conducted by teachers training experts at NCHD.

Considering the students as active change agents, OSDI stepped in to conduct regular health and hygiene awareness raising sessions besides motivating the children to engage in formal and informal learning activities. The school now has an enrollment of 275 children.

Due to immense efforts of the teachers, 61 students were promoted to grade 2 and later on these students went one step ahead to grade 3. The remaining 70% students went from KG to grade 1 and 30% passed from 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

Due to the commitment and hard work of the teachers, parents and SMC members at the completion of 02 years tenure this learning facility was officially adopted by the Education and Literacy Department of Government of Sindh from NCHD. The teachers are now on the pay role of Education and Literacy Department in District of Thatta. The representatives of Education and Literacy Department regularly visit and monitor the classes being held.