

## United We Stand



The community of Miru Suleiman village comprises of only 20 households. Life for these vulnerable families was very tough because of lack of availability of basic living resources. The community faced severe shortage of water, no water meant no harvesting of any sort or plantation due to which high temperature levels during summers was a major cause of many diseases. The community members were mostly labors or people who lived on daily wages.

Managing huge families and bearing their expenditures was another hassle for many. Few families even migrated from this community in search of better opportunities for survival.

Realizing that the provision of water was the most urgent and basic necessity which this community longed for; OSDI upon intervention initiated to set-up a solar water pump within this community. To manage the functionality of the entire project upon our exit, OSDI formed a Water Management Committee (WMC) upon mutual consensus of the village elders. All the WMC members were nominated by the village elders.

It was decided that every month a meagre sum of PKR 100 per household shall be collected by the WMC members and this amount shall be spent on the repair and maintenance of the SWP. The daily water being expelled from this SWP is 28,800 liters which serves more than the estimated need of all the households combined. Due to the availability of the excessive water these people are able to grow vegetables and plants within their community.

Moreover, they have plenty of water for their livestock and self-consumption. As compared to the daily hassle for their females and children to travel up to 2 – 3 kms every day making at least 2-3 rounds to fetch water for the entire household. This SWP has saved a lot of time and energy.

Having less burden to aid in the household chores the children are not able to attend school.