

## Introduction

Low financial stability, illiteracy, unawareness, malnutrition and above all strong political or feudal influence is the root cause of poverty. Pakistan being a third world country has nearly 24.7%<sup>1</sup> people living in severe poverty with more than half of the population living in rural areas which are under-developed.

To create sustainability within the lives of the vulnerable people living in these deprived communities is the challenge under-taken by Organization for Social Development Initiatives (OSDI) in 2009. Since its inception, the organization has proactively played its role to help more than 55,000 people improve their lives without compromising on their integrity and dignity. Successful interventions have been made in focused communities of Shikarpur, Khairpur, Matiari and Jacobabad; adding Thatta as our newly intervened region in Sindh. Jaffarabad and Lasbela districts of Baluchistan and Mardan district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are also the areas we have penetrated in. Currently, OSDI is working in 3 focused districts Lasbela, Mardan and Thatta.

OSDI believes that the only way to alleviate poverty is through empowerment of these under-privileged communities through Livelihood Assistance Program (LAP), Community Development Program (CDP) and Food Security Program (FSP).

## Livelihood Assistance Program (LAP) Agriculture Development Project (ADP)

20 beneficiaries supported during the first phase of ADP in district Lasbela (Baluchistan) have managed to earn handsome profits at the end of this phase. In comparison to the per acre production before intervention (7.5 maunds), the average production generated

per acre is now 17.4 maunds after OSDI's intervention. As a result, each beneficiary has earned an average monthly income of PKR 9,081 from harvesting of cotton crop as compared to the PKR 2,453 in last year's cotton crop.

During this quarter, OSDI has initiated the second phase of ADP in district Lasbela (Baluchistan). 20 farmers have been selected to grow wheat on 3 acres of farmland, each. The

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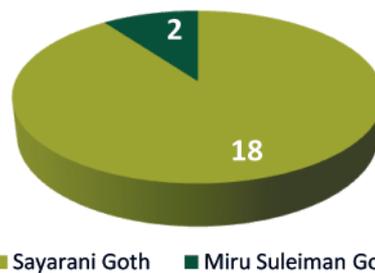


Figure 1: Village Wise Break-up of Beneficiaries in Phase II of ADP in Lasbela

beneficiaries have been facilitated with seeds and DAP fertilizers to begin the sowing process. In the month of December 2019, OSDI conducted the first training session in the community of Sayarani Goth for the farmers of phase II. The farmers were taught about the various methods and techniques involved in land preparation and seed sowing process.

## Community Development Program (CDP) Education

OSDI is working hand-in-hand with the district government departments to promote the cause of education at all levels. As per the MoU signed between OSDI and NCHD during the previous quarter, OSDI is very keen to eliminate illiteracy by having all the out-of-school children (OOSC) enrolled within its supported or constructed educational facilities. In this quarter, 1232 students are acquiring quality education within the OSDI built Temporary Learning Centers (TLCs) or NCHD Feeder Schools located within the focused communities.



Pic 1: Female Students of TLC in Sayarani Goth Making Cards to Celebrate Teacher's Day

In district Mardan (KPK), OSDI has built a 2 classrooms based TLC in Baizad Banda village to safeguard the future of 82 OOSC. First Term Exams were conducted in the TLC of Arab Seray to assess the students in various subjects. Due to OSDI's advocacy the closed government girl's schools located in Shanay Zangal and Biroch communities are being considered by the district government for reopening.

For the 430 OOSC of Yaqoob Jokhio community in district Thatta (Sindh), OSDI has constructed a 2 classrooms based TLC. 300 students are currently enrolled in this school amongst which 140 are boys and 160 girls. OSDI has facilitated this TLC with basic classroom equipment and material such as teachers' tables, chairs, floor mats, white boards with stands, water cooler and other accessories. To train and educate the teachers appointed by NCHD, OSDI conducted a teachers training workshop in collaboration with NCHD in which both the TLC teachers and 5 members of School Management Committee (SMC) participated.



Pic 2: Founder Trustee while addressing the audience in Exam Hall inauguration

Founder Trustee of OSDI – Mr. Aasim A. Siddiqui inaugurated the examination hall of Frontier Constabulary Public School (FCPS) in Bela, district Lasbela (Baluchistan) on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019. This 50 ft \* 20 ft examination hall has been constructed with a 10ft \* 20ft passageway to hold assessments and tests. Students of TLC in Chib Sheikh community, appeared for their first mid-term examinations during the month of September 2019. In the TLC of Sayarani Goth, students celebrated the Teacher's day amidst enthusiasm. OSDI shifted the 31 students of Pini Ladhoo Goth in the one classroom

TLC Name	Male	Female
TLC Sayarani Goth	60	30
TLC Chamasara	21	40
TLC Pini Ladhoo	12	19

Table 1: Gender wise break-up of Students enrolled in TLCs

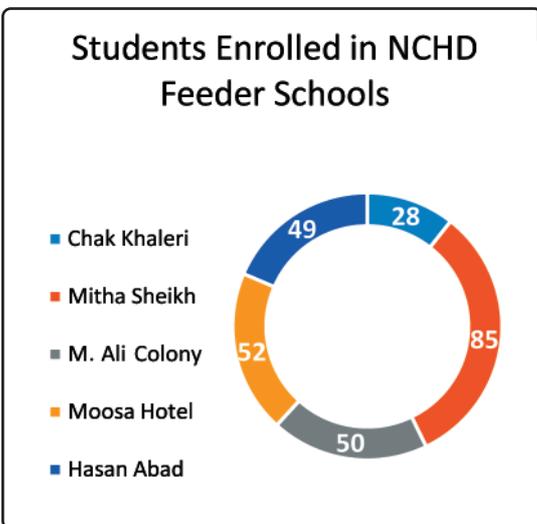


Figure 2: Students Enrolled in NCHD Feeder Schools

built TLC which has been recently completed. Sports equipment was also given to the class teacher by OSDI to encourage and motivate the students in extra-curricular activities. Full filling our commitment, 2 NCHD Feeder Schools were constructed by OSDI in the vulnerable communities of Mitha Sheikh and revenue village of Chak Kaleri in which 113 students are currently enrolled. Furthermore, OSDI facilitated 5 NCHD Feeder Schools with classroom equipment and furniture. Altogether, 264 students are being educated in these schools.

Health-care

OSDI has provided free medical treatment, consultation and medication to 1,483 ailing people during this quarter. Amongst these patients, 591 were male patients and 892 were females. It was observed that the patients mostly suffered from Respiratory Tract Infection (RTI), Urinary Tract Infection (UTI), Anemia or General Body Weakness. The doctors and paramedical staff appointed by OSDI carefully checked each patient and facilitated them

Village	District	Male Patients	Female Patients	Total Patients
GMC Yaqoob Jokhio	Thatta	180	335	515
GMC Sayarani Goth3	Lasbela	205	306	511
GMC Prrang Dara	Mardan	103	104	207
GMC Baizad Banda		103	147	250
		<b>591</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>1483</b>

Table 2: Patients treated during free GMCs



Pic 3: Students of TLC in Yaqoob Jokhio Goth Being De-Wormed

Students were de-wormed under School Based De-Worming Project (SBDW) across all 3 districts of OSDI i.e. Mardan (KPK), Lasbela (Baluchistan) and Thatta (Sindh). 1070 students from 8 schools participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> phase of this project. The students were facilitated with a single dose of zyntel syrup after which 250ml of milk pack was also provided to them along with energy biscuits. OSDI's Health Assistant delivered training sessions on the importance of personal health & hygiene. Later on, the students were engaged to learn the handwashing technique.

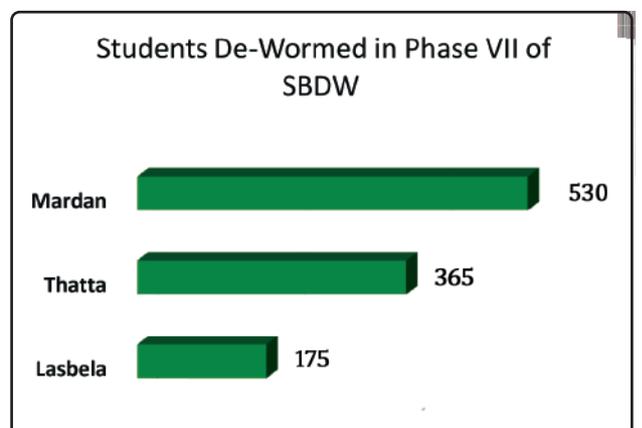


Figure 3: Students De-Wormed in Phase VII of SBDW

## Water Nearby Homes (WNH)

In the focused communities of Baizad Banda and Boday Qabar in district Mardan (KPK) and in the community of Kareer Goth in district Lasbela (Baluchistan); OSDI has provided water storage tanks within this quarter. Since, the community of Baizad Banda is unevenly located hence, 2 separate water facilities have been drilled; dividing the community in Baizad Banda1 and Baizad Banda2. OSDI has built cemented water storage tanks having the capacity to store upto 11,080 liters of water for the water facilities of district Mardan (KPK). On the other hand, a plastic water storage tank was placed in Kareer Goth having the capacity to store 6,000 liters of water. Upon completion or placement of the water storage tanks the villagers are now able to grow some fresh vegetables within the communities.

Village	District	No. of HH	No. of Beneficiaries
Baizad Banda 1	Mardan	35	245
Baizad Banda 2		12	84
Boday Qabar		30	210
Kareer Goth	Lasbela	15	200

Table 3: District wise break-up of Beneficiaries in WNH

Manager Programs of OSDI – Mr. Sheheryar N. Khan conducted a detailed Broad Based Community Meeting (BBCM) in the community of Yaqoob Jokhio in district Thatta (Sindh) in which more 54 males and 35 females participated. He talked about the various issues being faced by the villagers regarding water poverty, sanitation, unhygienic living conditions, infrastructure, health, education, livelihood, and others. He invited the community members to work as collaborative partners in all sustainability creation activities of OSDI.



Pic 4: BBCM Being Conducted by Manager Programs of OSDI

## Health & Hygiene (H&H)

OSDI regularly conducts awareness sessions on highlighting the importance of personal and environmental hygiene in order to remain safe from communicable and non-communicable diseases. Health team of OSDI aggressively visits the focused communities, schools and public gatherings to educate the rural people about the benefits involved in maintaining cleanliness of not only their own self but also others by lowering the factors that result in exposure to diseases. The people are sensitized to avoid usage of Ghutka and cigarette; rather spend the amount on consuming vegetables or fruits. Demonstrations on proper hand wash technique are taught to people of all ages. Basic hygiene tips are delivered such as take bath daily, tooth brush twice a day, comb hair daily, wear clean clothes, wash-hands before and after every meal especially after sanitation, etc. Females are mainly targeted to clean the livestock sheds daily along with their homes and ensure kitchen utensils are properly washed before cooking.

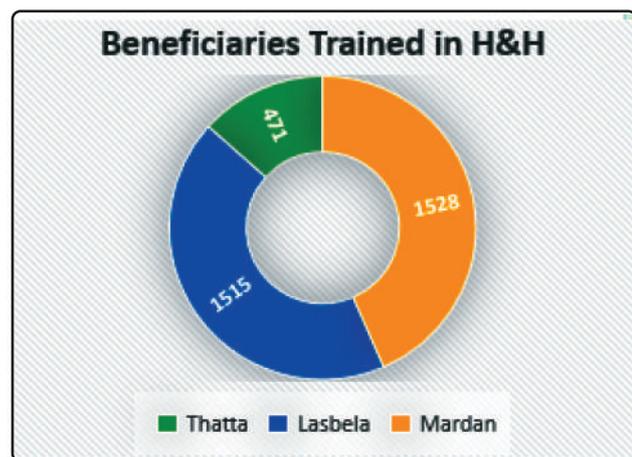


Figure 4: Beneficiaries Trained in H&H

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According to the experts, the soil of district Thatta is water-logged and damp hence, the selection of following plants was made to positively contribute towards the climate change. In near future, 100 Moringa (Sohanja) plants shall also be planted within this community.

## Natural Resource Mangement (NRM)

First phase of OSDI's plantation campaign has begun in the

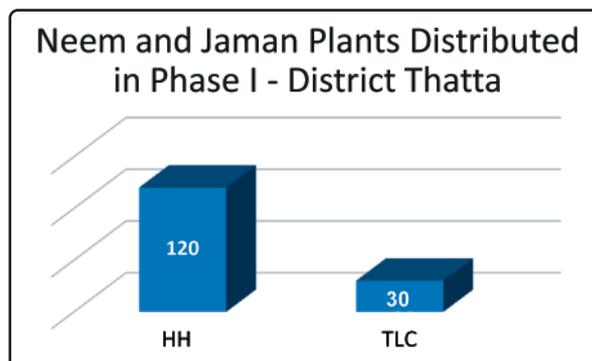
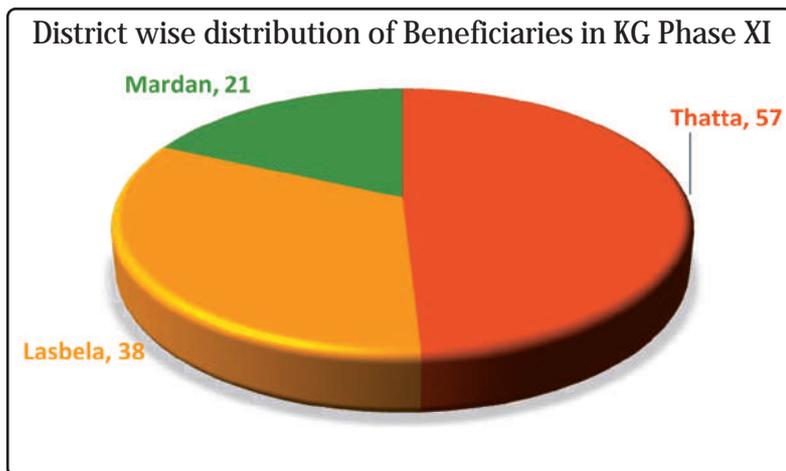


Figure 5: Neem and Jaman Plants Distributed in Phase I – District Thatta

# Food Security Program (FSP)

## Kitchen Garden Project (K.G.)

11<sup>th</sup> Phase of Kitchen Gardening Project (K.G.) began during this tenure in which 116 beneficiaries have participated to grow fresh vegetables. OSDI distributed seeds of various vegetable types to each beneficiary guiding them about the plantation methods.



In district Lasbela, the beneficiaries have been facilitated to grow Spinach, Mustard, Radish, Coriander and Luffa; whereas in district Thatta, OSDI distributed seeds of Spinach, Coriander, Mustard, Bottle Gourd, Tomato, Green Chilies, Sponge Gourd, Onion and Radish. Beneficiaries of district Mardan chose to grow Spinach, Turnip, Radish, Garlic and Coriander in their kitchen gardens.

### Future Interventions

Activities in district Thatta are on the limelight currently, as OSDI intends to make Yaqoob Jokhio - an exemplary model village. From frequent awareness raising campaigns and community mobilization sessions the villagers have been engaged as partners. Committees have been formed to work proactively as integrated

Figure 6: District wise distribution of Beneficiaries in KG Phase XI

stakeholders of the projects initiated by OSDI. In the upcoming days, livelihood activities shall begin for economic sustainability and empowerment. As of now the prime focus is on the uplifting of literacy ratio, provision of basic health facilities and sensitization on hygiene importance.

Phase II shall soon begin in district Mardan with livestock distribution. Free medical camps and school based de-worming campaigns shall be executed to minimize the health issues. The communities of Shanay Zangal, Biroch and Baizad Banda shall be uplifted for active enrollments.

Besides, initiating new phases of livestock development Project (LDP), Small Rural Enterprise Project (SREP), health activities shall move on with the regular pace. However, new areas shall be explored for construction of TLCs in district Lasbela (Baluchistan).



Pic 5: Children of Yaqoob Jokhio Goth are ready for a Better Tomorrow

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