

Case-study

Hakim Ali: From helplessness to self-determination

Resident of district Matiari, village Mari Muhammad Khan, Hakim Ali, has liberated himself from the clutches of dependence and is now leading a self-directed life. This unfortunate man was bestowed with six sons, but they all abandoned him and his wife. Having no financial support, he was going through a great tribulation.

OSDI under its KG (Kitchen Garden) project aimed at helping them. As food is one of the most challenging necessities of one's life therefore it was essential to provide them with some relieve that could solve at least this facet of the wide variety of problems they were facing.



During the 7th phase of the program, their produce increased magnanimously. It was not only adequate enough to fulfill their kitchen needs, but also enabled them to sell the surplus in the market and make profit out of it. The statistics revealed that they were able to produce 5 kg of spinach, 3 kg of rich gourd and 4 kg of tomatoes per week. The profit came out to be PKR 2000-2500 a month. This resulted in their better outlook on life.

When OSDI's representative in district Matiari met them, she realized the severity of their condition. She also counseled from the local villagers and came to the verdict that they should be provided with a female goat. This would not only lead to an expansion in the herd of animals but also help them to improve their sustenance needs.

Hakim was really appreciative of OSDI's efforts. We also hope that they continue to flourish in the future.