

## Case-Study

### Laal Muhammad: Positivity amidst despair

In the village of Waqarabad, district Shikarpur, Laal Muhammad became a victim of the devastating floods that hit the unfortunate areas of interior Sindh. The only bread earner for the family of six, life became rampant for him. In the face of rapidly advancing high water, he and his family left all their belongings behind to nearby Shikarpur, in search of safe haven.



OSDI proved a ray of hope for his family and provided him relief through its One Room Shelter

Program. He admits in grief: *“I had sleepless nights worrying whether I would ever be able to rebuild my life,”* With all his precious assets swept away and with no means of livelihood, rebuilding his house seemed a herculean task. To add to his ordeal, he had to wait in long queues for getting food. Widespread diseases were also of great torment to him. On returning back to his village, he found his house destroyed, his livestock missing and his productive land all submerged in water. He has been helped with regard to the reconstruction and remodeling of his house.

With the extensive help from OSDI, and funds disbursed to him in the first two tranches have enabled him to procure construction materials such as cement & bricks, and also pay labor costs involved in constructing his shelter. He joyfully states: *“my children will no longer be exposed to the spitefulness of the scorching sun, but they will have a sanctuary of their own”*.

OSDI hopes to create a difference in his life by at least endowing him and his family a secure adode to thrive in and a firm footing for upgrading his life.