

## Roadmap to sustainability

Mr. Ghulam Hussain is a beneficiary of Agriculture Development Project (ADP) and Kitchen Gardening (K.G.) Project. He lives in the community of Mangya in district Lasbela (Baluchistan). He lives with his three children and wife, in a joint family system of 28 members. Hussain owns a farmland and also teaches in the Temporary Learning Center (TLC) of Sayarani Goth. Along with this he also educates the village children in the community's Madarsah.

Before OSDI's intervention, his financial condition was very weak due to the high dependency and low income generation. To make the matters worse he lost all his crops due to the floods caused as a result of heavy rainfall. This natural catastrophe added on to the family misery as they faced a huge financial loss.



Before OSDI's intervention, Hussain used to cultivate his land by purchasing agro inputs on credit basis. After becoming an Agriculture Development Project (ADP) farmer, Hussain has been facilitated with grants for 2 cropping cycles to grow cotton & wheat on his land. Inputs in the form of high yielding seeds, tillage and fertilizers were also given. To build upon the capacity of all the farmers OSDI organized training sessions on best agricultural practices in which farmers were taught about land preparation techniques, advance farming methods and linkages development with agriculture department. These sessions enabled Hussain to improve his farming skills.

As a result of his hard efforts and vigilance on his crop he successfully harvested 120 maunds of wheat on 3 acres of his farmland. Adding on, he also participated in the Kitchen Garden Project (K.G.) of OSDI. According to Hussain, his monthly expenditure on vegetables purchase has significantly decreased and now he manages to save PKR 2,730 per monthly by cultivating his own fresh vegetables. From PKR 536 per capita income to PKR 1107, Hussain is gradually progressing towards sustainability.