

Case-Study

Abdul Qadeer – A New Life

District Shikarpur is in the North of Sindh. Due to its strategic location it holds an important place in the region. Rural areas of Shikarpur were rich in fertility of land but, frequent flooding has ruined it. To make the matters worse, constant floods have negatively impacted the health of the surviving people and affected their sources of income.

In Godho Shar, a small village in Shikarpur with only 90 households and not more than 500 people OSDI intervened 5 years ago because of the lack of basic healthcare, education facilities and income opportunities. Abdul Qadeer Shar s/o Gull Hassan Shar is an 8 year old orphan who is amongst one of the many patients receiving medical assistance from OSDI's platform. He currently resides with his uncle, who himself is a poor farmer. Since birth, Abdul Qadeer has been suffering from a congenital skin disease.



According to his uncle, they consulted doctors several times at government health facilities but no improvement was noticed in the child's health. Unfortunately, low income and the inability to make ends meet made Qadeer's illness difficult to afford for his uncle. Realizing the incapacity of this family to afford expensive medicines and doctor's fees, OSDI came forward to provide health assistance to this child.

Abdul Qadeer was referred to a famous skin specialist in the area and his treatment started anew. Under the supervision of the skin specialist and monitoring of OSDI's health staff, regular intake of medicines was ensured. Timely routine check-ups and proper medical facilitation healed the child by reducing his skin infection and curing his interim skin patches. Hair fall was once an issue but is also gradually improving.

His family is very happy and appreciative of the efforts made by OSDI.