

Case-Study

Kadir Buksh - Triumph against all Odds



Kadir Buksh at 73 is one of the oldest members of village Jamal Hajano community. To this day in this fragile age he still engages in manual labor earning a living by him. Aside from being one of the oldest, Karim Buksh is also one of the poorest of the community as well depending on support from his eight children which include 5 boys and 3 daughters.

“I was making tea at *Fajr* prayer when the floods came. Everybody was screaming to escape, but I just kept making tea. I have seen so many floods in my lifetime, I thought nothing would happen”. But as he saw the village being submerged by the raging waters at a thundering pace. He too made his escape, being the last one in his village to evacuate. “I had no idea where to go, what to do or where my children were”.

He took refuge in a government school which served as a makeshift relief camp at first and later shifted to a camp setup by OSDI, where he was given Food rations, Shelter, NFIs, Health care and WASH facilities.

A wrecked home awaited him on his return back to village Jamal Hajano. In testament to his perseverance, he vowed to continue with his manual labor despite all the odds. Yet limited opportunities at the disaster stricken village forbade him to earn a living. With no source of income and residual savings to fall back upon, the task of rebuilding seemed but a distant dream for Karim Buksh.

Help came in the way of a joint program devised by OSDI and UNOCHA to provide One Room Shelters to the destitute households of village Jamal Hajano. Karim Buksh due to his seniority was prioritized in the provision of these shelters. That way his rehabilitation was accelerated by the ERF shelter program.

He seems overjoyed about his new house; this is actually his first house with concrete foundations. “This is better than my last house. I feel good returning back home to my children”, he rejoices.