

Case-Study

Muhammad Saleh – Earning with Dignity



In the vulnerable community of Jawan Khan Burirro, district Jacobabad lives Muhammad Saleh s/o Sajan Khan. He is a beneficiary of OSDI's Agriculture Development Project (ADP) since the last three phases.

Saleh is the care-taker of his 7 family members. His three sons named Saeed Ahmed, Farooq Ahmed & Tariq Ahmed and four daughters called Shahida, Naheeda, Zahida & Khalida are all enrolled in OSDI's supported Government

Primary School in their village.

Mr. Saleh recalls that before OSDI's intervention in their village, "This school was a ghost school and since there was no teacher available the education of our children was severely disturbed. Now, my children go to school regularly and take interest in their studies as OSDI has appointed a good teacher. I feel proud that I maybe a farmer but my children are acquiring quality education which is great".

He further says that, "I was born in this village and all my ancestors were farmers by profession". Before becoming an ADP member he used to get the related agriculture inputs from his land lord for his crop. Due to unawareness about best agriculture practices and techniques he was only able to generate 60 maunds on his field.

During the first phase of ADP when he got the inputs along with seed sown in his farmland and observed positive result of those inputs having a massive crop production of more than 112 maunds on three acres of his land he was mesmerized. In the third phase of ADP he sowed TD1 variety of seed and has got a healthy production of 95 maunds this time.

Mr. Mohammad Saleh states that, "I have managed to save some earnings from the wheat crop produced in the third phase to purchase three sheeps. Each sheep will cost me around PKR 6,000/-. So, now I can proudly say that I have an asset of my own. I also take pride in being a Village Organization member and whole heartedly thank OSDI for bringing sustainability in my life."