

## Ali Khan – Motivated to Learn



From the mountainous community of Akhundara, a village located in the union council of Palo Dheri in district Mardan (KPK), is a little young lad named Ali Khan. This village comprises of 35 vulnerable households. The population size in this vicinity is estimated at 350.

Ali's father is Aurangzeb, a daily wage labourer by profession. He has 4 brothers and 2 sisters.

Ali used to graze goats in the meadows before OSDI's intervention in his village. A Temporary Learning Centre (TLC) was initiated by OSDI to have all the out-of-school children (OOSC) who are school-age going enrolled to avail primary education. Utilizing this opportunity, Ali joined the TLC as a regular student. He daily walks up to 2kms to attend school.

He intends to become a doctor upon completion of his education. His motivational source is his school teacher whom he values for the positive attitude.

He believes that if OSDI hadn't opened up an educational facility in his village he too would have been an illiterate like the previous generation. But now, since he has an opportunity to further learn he plans to be a change maker by breaking away from the barriers of illiteracy. 60 students are currently enrolled in this TLC and are acquiring quality primary education.

