

Shahzaman – Earning Decently



Located in the union council of Bazaar, in district Mardan (KPK) is a 20 year old beneficiary of OSDI's Livelihood Assistance Program (LAP). Under LAP, poverty-struck people are selected to participate having either high dependency ratio or extremely low financial position.

One of the key elements of OSDI's LAP is its Small Rural Enterprise Project (SREP) in which unemployed individuals are facilitated to initiate their small

businesses by giving them grants. Shahzaman is amongst one such people, whom OSDI facilitated in April 2021. He lives in the focused community of Biroch.

His father worked as a daily wage labourer, who earned for the family of 8 individuals. His father's average monthly income was PKR 12000 per month which made it hard for him to fulfil the requirements of the family as sometimes there was no earning opportunity.

Shahzaman intended to open up a grocery store. OSDI enabled this young man to achieve his dream and today he earns up to PKR 18000 on average per month. His monthly expenses are estimated at PKR 16000 on average, which enables him to generate some savings.

As per Shahzaman, due to his grocery store he has successfully paid off his father's debts and is able to provide a better living for his family. He wishes OSDI flourishes more to help more vulnerable youth like him to earn respectably.