

Case-Study:

Bhagaal Mir Jatt – Striving for Survival



In the vulnerable community of Sukhio Mir Jatt, district Matiari lives Mrs. Bhagaal widow of Mr. Talib Mir Jatt along with her two children. She has been suffering from Hepatitis C and has a severe skin infection due to which she is unable to work and earn for her children. The living condition of this household was so weak that there barely was access to a single day's meal.

The only bread earner for this unfortunate family was the 55 year old mother of Mrs. Bhagaal who would work on fields the entire day to make the ends meet. The Community Based Organization (CBO) in her village recommended this family for OSDI's Sahaita Fund Project. Under which she was facilitated with a Buffalo who was luckily 6 months pregnant and after 4 months the buffalo gave birth to a female kid.

Sustainability came in their lives when Bhagaal started selling 6 liters of milk daily from the 8 liters produced. She even managed to keep some milk for her children and little to make tea. She was able to generate PKR 480/- per day by selling fresh milk from which she used to purchase buffalo feed worth PKR 200/- and the remaining amount was used for grocery items.

The buffalo again became pregnant after 4 months of delivering a kid. She is highly grateful to OSDI for facilitating her under this project. Bhagaal states, "I was so poor that I could not even afford to buy a chick. OSDI gave me a buffalo which has not only provided me a source of income but has also arranged for my children's meal." She further said, "I have the female kid of my buffalo as a possession of OSDI and will return it to them when asked for".