

Hearing Aid:



Picture 1: Little Ishaan e Rakeeb

In the northwestern part of Karachi is a town called Gadap in which lives Muhammad Tufail. He is a 40 years old who runs a small barber shop within his vicinity. Being a decent of Azad Kashmir; Tufail has been living in Karachi since childhood.

Even though, Tufail was living a contended life with his 4 children and wife; he was desperate to hear the sweet voices of his two deaf children. His only daughter (Ayesha) an 11 year old and son (Ishaan e Rakeeb) an 8 year old minor could not hear since birth. To see his children speak Tufail went from doctor to doctor to have the children medically checked. Upon several medical tests and examinations it was declared that the hearing ability of his kids could never improve naturally.

The only possible remedy to overcome this was placing hearing aids in the children's ears. Due to the limited income of PKR 22,000 per month Tufail was only able to purchase local hearing aids for his minors as the cost of good quality hearing aids was beyond his reach. The estimated cost of imported hearing aids was PKR 80,000 (*per child*). It is understandable that affording these machines for two children was barely possible for him.

Manager Programs of OSDI – Mr. Sheheryar Khan was approached by Tufail, upon knowing about our cause to benefit the society and improve lives he requested for financial support. After validation of the medical reports and documents provided a generous donation of PKR 160,000 was made in his name.

As a positive outcome, of placement of advanced hearing tools both the kids are now able to hear. Since, these children have never heard voices before hence and are unaware about pronunciation and phonetics; currently both the kids are learning to speak small words.

Tufail feels happy to see his minors calling him “Abu”. He states that previously he used to think his kids would never be able to take his name. Being severely disheartened with this dilemma and accepting the fate of his kids; he and his wife came up with an idea to teach these kids to write so they could express themselves but now he is proud to see his children trying to give voice to their emotions.



Picture 2: Ayesha shows her vibrant smile