

## Ghulam Ali – Surviving Courageously



50 years old, Ghulam Ali is a resident of Babu Mallah village. This community lies in the union council of Kaghan in district Thatta (Sindh). Nearly 35 households are located in this vicinity.

Ghulam Ali's family consists of 3 daughters and a son. There are 8 people in his family. Earlier he used to work as a daily wage labour earning up to PKR 6000 per month by working on a shared farmland.

However, since both his kidneys have started malfunctioning it is unbearable for him to do hard labour. Under Small Rural Enterprise Project (SREP), OSDI facilitated him to open up a Handicraft and clothes shop in the month of April 2021. He was given a grant of PKR 49,664.

Due to OSDI's facilitations, Ghulam Ali is now able to earn up to PKR 7000 per month as an additional income from his cloth shop. As there is no other female cloth shop within the adjacent communities all ladies from Ahmed Mallah, Muhammad Khaskheli and other villages come to him for shopping. He purchases goods from Mirpur Sakro and sells it at his shop. His son intends to expand his father's shop by keeping confectionary items to enhance the sales. Furthermore, he also intends to keep children's clothes as there is no such facility available within the village or nearby.

Ghulam Ali has also set up his small kitchen garden (K.G.) to avail fresh vegetables from within his home. By growing green eatables, his kitchen expenses have also lowered which helps him to generate some savings every month.

He is grateful to OSDI for its support in enabling him to improve his life.

