

## Jamal Mallah – From Poverty to Prosperity



Father of 7 children, Jamal Mallah resides in the focused vulnerable community of Ahmed Mallah – a village in district Thatta (Sindh). He used to work as a daily wage farmer on shared farmland.

His average monthly income was estimated at PKR 6000 – 7000. Being a large size family the income generated was not sufficient to meet the monthly expense levels of his 9 family members. Thus, he had no other choice but to take additional loans from people. He annually took a loan of up to PKR 28,000 to make the ends meet. At times, he even took the basic grocery items from the local *Wadera* to feed his children.

Unfortunately, his wife was a patient of Hepatitis C. Affording her treatment and medical expenses was a matter of concern for him.

To create financial sustainability within his life, OSDI supported him with a cargo rickshaw worth PKR 68,000 as a grant; under its Small Rural Enterprise Project (SREP) in the year 2021. It was the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of this project.

Jamal's son (Aziz) initiated to drive the rickshaw as an additional source of income generation managing to earn up to PKR 9,000 every month by transferring of goods and locomotion of people. Due to OSDI's capacity building, Jamal also stepped forward to participate in the Kitchen Garden Project (K.G.) under which he grows fresh and nutritious vegetables at his home. This way he is able to lower his kitchen expenses.

As the financial stability came in his life, he was able to afford good medical treatment of his wife after which she has recovered and her PCR test has come out negative. In future, Jamal plans to purchase a bigger rickshaw.

