

Challenging Life – Wazir Baz



In May 2013, Wazir Baz a 55 year old, poor man residing in village Saeedabad, district Mardan was struck by sudden illness. He is a father of two year old son and the only bread earner of his family. During harvesting of wheat crop in the mountainous region he got dehydrated. As a result he got severe throat infection.

Being unable to make the both ends meet and living in dire poverty he did not have the capacity to afford the medical expense and get treatment for his illness. Hence, he was bound to bear the severe pain.

His illness kept getting terrible being left untreated from dehydration to throat infection and then high fever. As a result Wazir Baz was left on the death bed. In emergency, his family carried him to the hospital in village Rustam to seek for medical assistance but they recommended for a test of PKR 1800/- and prescribed him medicines worth PKR 200/- which was a huge sum for his family due to unaffordability.

According to his brother, he said, *“We required more medicines but since, they had no money to pay the doctors fees. The doctor refused to prescribe further medicines and left us unattended.”*

As the disease was not being cured timely and medical treatment was not given to the patient the condition became much worse of Wazir Baz. One day, his seven year old niece came running to the OSDI built Primary Health Center (PHC) and informed the doctor there about the unfortunate condition of his uncle, who was on death bed.

The OSDI medical team at the PHC took immediate action and sent the dispenser to check the condition of Wazir Baz. The severe condition of the ailing patient was informed to the OSDI doctor and he was referred to District Head Quarter (DHQ) Mardan. It was informed by the patient’s family about their low financial condition that they did not have a single penny to pay for the travelling fare to Mardan even.



Therefore, OSDI's district head, urgently provided them financial assistance by giving them PKR 4,000/- and also made their travelling arrangements to reach the hospital on time. The visiting doctor at OSDI's Primary Health Center (PHC) was called immediately to arrange for medical assistance at the hospital on reaching to save time. Also a representative of OSDI assisted the patient to the hospital too foresee any emergency situations on the route.

In the hospital OSDI's, visiting PHC Dr. Shams-ul-Hadi provided timely assistance and co-operated well. It was with his assistance Wazir Baz was admitted in Medical ward.

Today, due to timely medical assistance and immediate help given by OSDI, Wazir Baz is living a happy and healthy life along with his family. He has now completely recovered and works on farm to earn for his household.



Figure 5 During His Treatment in DHQ Hospital Mardan



Figure 4 During treatment in DHQ Hospital Mardan



Figure 3 Dr Wajid Was checking of Wazir Baz in DHQ Hospital Mardan



Figure 2 Now his is stable Zafar Iqbal was checking BP in May 2014



Figure 1 Now he is in Good condition and stable for working and farming