

Introduction

People living in the rural areas of Pakistan are mostly deprived of their basic rights to survival. Existence of these under privileged individuals mainly depends on being submissive to the circumstances they live in this means compromising on hunger, illiteracy, low income, poor unhygienic living conditions without any sort of sanitation facility, infrastructure, health-care, etc.

To make the matters worse natural calamities, political instability and strong hold of feudal system; suffocates the lives of these vulnerable people. OSDI was formed in 2009, with an objective to empower and

enable the rural communities of Pakistan through creating awareness, capacity building and social

mobilization to stabilize these communities from bitter forms of poverty.

To serve the purpose, OSDI prepared a sustainability model comprising of 3 key areas i.e. Livelihood Assistance Program (LAP), Community Development Program (CDP) and Food Security Program (FSP).



Glimpse of Rural Life

Each of these programs further trickles down to multiple projects. The rotation of every project being to help increase month incomes, lower the monthly expenditure, minimize the risk levels involved along with; creating a safety net around all the deprived households which live below the poverty line.

Livelihood Assistance Program (LAP)

Livestock Development Project (LDP)

The 20 beneficiary households which had been financed earlier from the vulnerable communities of Miro Suleiman Goth, Bano Hussain Goth, Fageera Goth and Muhamamd Bux Goth with 48 healthy animals during the month of November 2017 in district Lasbela (Baluchistan) were trained by OSDI's appointed veterinary doctor; to ensure the safe health keeping of their animals.

In January 2018, OSDI initiated to de-worm these livestock against worm infestation. In this activity all the animals

distributed under the LDP in District Lasbela were given a dose of antibiotic as a de-worming medicine. The livestock health experts at OSDI inoculated more than 132 animals besides the ones

which we had distributed under the LDP.

Moreover, in the second phase of livestock vaccination OSDI facilitated the animals against Goat Pox disease.

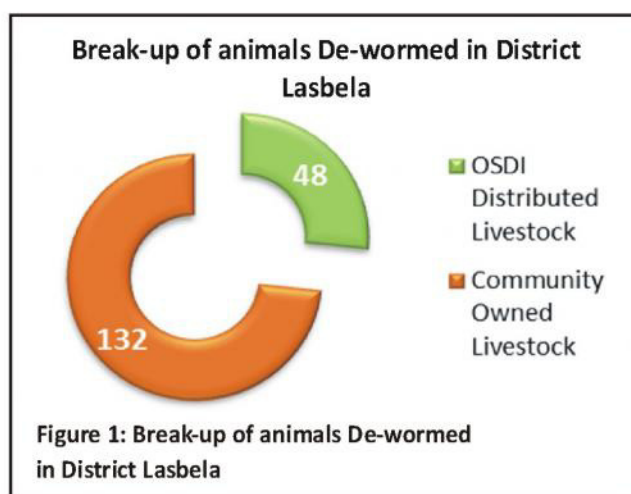


Figure 1: Break-up of animals De-wormed in District Lasbela

It is a contagious disease that is spread mainly through the respiratory system. Altogether, 79 animals were facilitated during this activity which was held in February 2018.



Students of TLC Arab Seray engaged in acquiring knowledge

“OSDI aims to create positive difference by providing sustainable development strategies for poverty alleviation in rural communities of Pakistan”



Patient being treated at U.C. Hada Sethar MMC 2

Community Development Program (CDP)

Education

During this quarter, OSDI’s primary focus was on enhancing the frequency of education related projects to improve the literacy ratio of its focused communities. The aim was to prepare the future generations so they would not have to suffer like their elders. Since education is the only tool that can aid in inculcating long term sustainability within the rural areas.

Temporary Learning Center (TLC) that was being built in the community of Arab Seray, district Mardan (KPK); finally came to its completion during this term. It was successfully inaugurated on 23rd January 2018 by the honorable Assistant Commissioner of Rustam - Mr. Najeeb ullah. The event was graced by several other dignitaries who appreciated the thoughtful gesture of OSDI and extended their complete support towards the noble cause.

Currently, 48 students have been enrolled in this school. Furthermore, to facilitate the students and teachers of this

TLC; OSDI has distributed furniture which includes student chairs and floor mats for the classrooms and staff furniture comprising of chairs, a cupboard and one staff table.

The people residing in the revenue village of Chib Sheikh, district Lasbela (Baluchistan) have never been fortunate to bear witness to any educational facility within their premises. After conducting a thorough education survey in this vicinity during the month of October last year; OSDI initiated to construct two classrooms based TLC. Since, the TLC is currently under construction hence; active social mobilization campaign is being run to get all the out-of-school children enrolled. Taking our enrollment campaign to the next level, OSDI in collaboration with UNICEF strategically organized a motivational activity in which a mini cinema was set-up in the long neglected community of Chib

Section	Boys	Girls	Total
Nursery	8	15	23
Prep	10	12	22
Class 1	0	2	2
Class 2	1	0	1

Table 1: Class Wise Break-up of Students in TLC Arab Seray

Sheikh. The children were shown inspirational cartoons highlighting the significance of education. More than 100 young boys and girls attended this venture. The community elders and parents appreciated our earnest efforts as it was for the very first time in their lives such an event took place.

GBHS Wayaro had been without a science teacher since quite some time.

Fulfilling our commitment with the officials of the District Education Office and administration of Government Boys High School Wayaro (GBHS) in District Lasbela (Baluchistan); OSDI appointed a science teacher in the month of January 2018.

The facilitator’s selection was made ensuring transparency and merit after conducting several interviews by OSDI and the representatives of government’s education department.

Health-Care

In the rough and rocky regions of district Lasbela (Baluchistan), OSDI organized two General Medical Camps (GMCs) in collaboration with Frontier Constabulary Baluchistan and Government’s Health Department, during this term in which nearly 1,169 ailing male and female patients were facilitated with free treatment and medication.

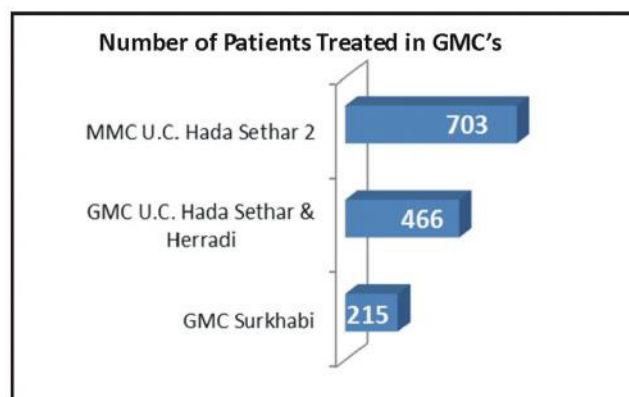


Figure 2: Number of Patients Treated in GMC's



Donation of Towels being generously made by Mr. Muhammad Ishaque - Member of MWF

Altogether, 500 ailing male patients and 669 female patients have been provided with free medical treatment, consultation and free medication during these two medical camps of OSDI. Representation of patients from 32 far-fledged villages was observed during both the medical camps from which patients from 12 communities came in the GMC U.C. Hada Sethar & Herradi and patients from the remaining 20 villages came during MMC U.C. Hada Sethar 2.

The first GMC in the focused community of Surkhabi in district Mardan (KPK) was conducted in the month of January 2018. In the course of this one day activity, free health check-up of 108 females and

Water Nearby Homes (WNH)

Overcoming the water inaccessibility and shortage in the focused communities of district Lasbela (Baluchistan), OSDI



Founder Trustee (HJWF) and Manager Programs (OSDI) during the SWP inauguration ceremony

107 male patients was done by the OSDI's appointed doctor. Later on, distribution of free medicines was done by OSDI for the suffering patients. Most of the patients were diagnosed with Respiratory Tract Infection (RTI), Gastro Intestinal Tract Infection (GIT), Viral Fever and Musculoskeletal Pain along with other minor health issues.

School Based De-Worming (SBDW) was another activity in health-care that was initiated in both these districts within this time period. In district Lasbela, the students of the two focused schools i.e. Government Boys High School (GBHS) Wayaro and Frontier Constabulary Public School (FCPS) Bela were given a dose of de-worming medicine along with milk and biscuits. Moreover, each child was also given a specially designed hygiene kit which included a comb, towel, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brush and a nail cutter. The towels were generously sponsored by Minhaj Welfare Foundation (MWF). A registered charity based organization working in over 100 countries to support the marginalized communities. Demonstration on

intervened to aid the vulnerable villagers by providing them with solar water pumps (SWPs). Earlier the community females had to travel long distances on foot to fetch water for their households.

Nearly every woman made atleast 2-3 trips per day.

After digging bore in the concerned settlements of Faqera Goth, Bano Hussain Goth and Miru Suleiman Goth solar panels were set up to extract fresh water. To store the excessive water OSDI has also placed storage tanks having the capacity to keep 6,000 liters of water.



Student being de-wormed in district Mardan

cleanliness and safe hygiene practices was also shared and discussed with students. The children were overjoyed by this activity. Administration of both the schools requested us to conduct such activities every year.

In district Mardan, 639 students from 06 distant schools were de-wormed after which similar goody bags were distributed amongst them. The educational facilities include Government Primary School (GPS) and Government Girls Primary School (GGPS) in villages Surkhabi and Shaturi along with OSDI's constructed TLC in Arab Seray and Faiz ul Islam school in Rustam.

Villages	Girls	Boys	Total
Surkhabi	99	179	278
Shaturi	38	49	87
Arab Seray	32	41	73
Rustam	36	165	201
Grand Total	205	434	639

Table 2: Break-up of Students De-wormed in District Mardan

The project was initiated and completed in collaboration with Hassan Jamot Welfare Foundation (HJWF). On 26th February 2018, formal inauguration of this project was done by Founder Trustee - Mr. Hassan Jamot and Manager Programs of OSDI - Mr. Sheheryar N. Khan.

As a positive outcome of sufficient water availability the people are now able to grow fresh, healthy and nutritious vegetables and fruits in their vicinities. Due to which the monthly kitchen expense ratio per household has also significantly reduced.

Another major achievement of this project is that families who had previously migrated to other regions before due to low water availability are now returning back to their hometowns.

Besides this, a thorough survey was conducted in the revenue village of Bohaar. The aim of this survey was to know the details about the water facility in Moosa goth, district Lasbela (Baluchistan). The community has 28 poverty stricken households.

Since, the people access water from the bore nearby hence, OSDI has been asked to facilitate them with a water storage facility.

Currently, the water-tank base is being constructed and soon a plastic water storage tank having the capability to store 6,000 liters of water shall be placed in this village.



SWP and Water Storage Tank provided by OSDI

Future Interventions



In the coming days, beneficiaries shall be selected from the focused communities of district Mardan (KPK) to participate in the Livestock Development Project (LDP) under the umbrella of OSDI's signature scheme Livelihood Assistance Program (LAP).

To increase the enrollment ratio and motivate all the out-of-school children in Sab-e-Maira village of district Mardan a Temporary Learning Center (TLC) shall soon be constructed here. Earlier this TLC was scheduled to be built in Akhundara region. Furthermore, a General Medical Camp (GMC) is also scheduled to be organized in the near future in this district.

As for district Lasbela (Baluchistan) solar water project

For a Better Tomorrow! (SWP) in Kareer Goth is expected to commence soon. After which extensive plantation activity shall begin under the NRM project (Natural Resource Management). Moving forward, OSDI is expediting new extremely vulnerable areas within this district to implement more SWPs to help facilitate as many lives as we can.

Currently, aggressive efforts are being made to acquire the NOC (Non-Objection Certificate) from the district government of Thatta (Sindh) in order to initiate work.

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