

Introduction

Being a social policy think-tank, Organization for Social Development Initiatives (OSDI) was formed in 2009 to help create sustainability within the lives of under-privileged rural households. During the span of its inception, OSDI has facilitated more than 39,000 vulnerable beneficiaries by enabling them through income generation, capacity building and asset creation to pull out from the inter-generational debt traps and improve their living conditions. Provision of primary facilities such as education, health-care, clean water, hygiene awareness and infrastructure development are a few areas in which OSDI collaborates with the members of the focused communities to help them lower their monthly expenses. The trio approaches of OSDI caters to all the basic needs of the rural communities – Livelihood Assistance Program (LAP), Community Development Program (CDP) and Food Security Program (FSP) weave a sustainability net around these impoverished families which helps them to pull out from generations old poverty.

Livelihood Assistance Program (LAP)

Agriculture Development Project (ADP)



Cotton Crop being inspected by LAP Manager

The first phase of Agriculture Development Project (ADP) had been initiated in district Lasbela (Baluchistan) during the previous quarter in which 20 beneficiaries had been selected to grow cotton crop on their farmland. Provision of necessary resources such as seeds, DAP and urea fertilizers had been given to the farmers to ensure healthy growth of crop. To build upon the capacity of the farmers, OSDI arranged two advance training sessions of the beneficiaries in this tenure.

During the first training session, the beneficiaries were informed about the various land preparation and crop sowing techniques. In the second phase of this training the trainer taught about the advance farming methods involved in crop yielding and ways about increasing crop production through consideration of safety procedures.

Small Rural Enterprise Project (SREP)

For the unemployed youth of district Lasbela (Baluchistan), OSDI moved a step further by providing them a platform to expedite their entrepreneurship skills and initiate their business. As it is the first phase of this project hence, the number of beneficiaries selected were on small scale.

Maintaining the gender balance, 3 males and 3 females were chosen. The females were facilitated to begin their stitching and embroidery work; whereas, the men were aided to set-up a grocery store. Beneficiaries have been selected from various communities of U.C. Wayaro. 3 more highly capable youth have been selected and facilitated in district Mardan (KPK). Amongst these beneficiaries 2 have opted to set-up their Sugarcane Juice stalls and 1 has opened a spare parts shop of electrical items. Average per monthly income of each of the beneficiaries was PKR 6,000 prior to project initiation.

S. No.	Beneficiary Name	Village	Gender
1	Ali s/o Sher Muhammad	Kareer Goth	Male
2	Abdul Waseem	Bakhrani Goth	Male
3	Ms. Jiyan- (divorced)	Azam Goth	Female
4	Ms. Chaguli (widowed)	Sajjan Goth	Female
5	Muhammad Arab	Bilal Khaskheli Goth	Male
6	Fatima w/o M. Ameen	Mangyani Goth	Female

Table 1: SREP Beneficiary details

Community Development Program (CDP)

Education

The Temporary Learning Center (TLC) in Chib Sheikh community of district Lasbela (Baluchistan) was formally handed over to National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) in the previous quarter. However, OSDI has been actively intact with the students, teachers and local community. To engage the students in various informal learning activities OSDI organized Earth day on 19th April 2019 and International Sports & Peace day on 6th April 2019 in this school. Later on, prizes were distributed amongst the winners. Amongst the 12 students enrolled in Adult Literacy Program 5 have enhanced

their learning to a level where they can read fluently and the remaining 7 have requested to appear in the examination for the primary level. In the community of Chamasara, OSDI has initiated to construct a one classroom based TLC for the out-of-school children. Prior to OSDI's intervention there was no school within 3-4 kms radius of this village. 41 students have been enrolled in this school so far. For the 150 students of Chamasara, Pini Ladhoo and Sayarani Goth TLCs, OSDI has received a generous donation of course books from the District Education Office (Lasbela). OSDI constructed a 2 classrooms based TLC in the community of Sayarani Goth in April 2019. 78 students OOSC have been enrolled in this school as of now. To convert this TLC into a model school OSDI has prepared a levelled playground along with fencing of the entire facility and construction of a link road. Extensive plantation has also been done in this school for beautification and a pipeline shall soon be connected for the easy access to water source. The school also has a washroom facility for students. Formal inauguration of this TLC took place on 9th August 2019 by senior government representatives and dignitaries. To promote physical education, NRSP has donated sports kits for this school. Celebrating the 72nd Independence Day of Pakistan, OSDI's Team Leader – Mr. Rashid Butt visited the Government Boys High School in Wayaro. Students delivered motivational speeches, read poetry, sang patriotic songs and played tableaus remembering the sacrifices of our ancestors. Cash prizes and gifts were distributed by OSDI to the participants and outstanding students for punctuality to school and scoring good grades in studies. Each student was also facilitated with a box of biscuits and Independence day badge. The same activity was carried out in Frontier Constabulary Public School of Bela.

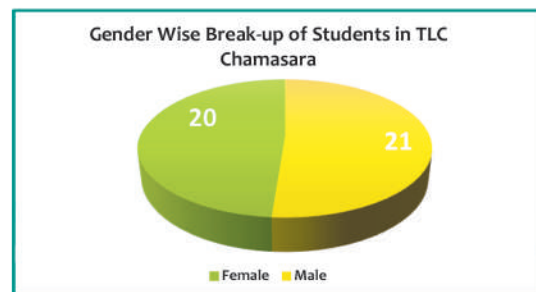


Figure 1: Gender Wise Break-up of Students in TLC Chamasara



School Bags and Stationary Pouches Distributed at OSDI Built TLCs

OSDI received a generous donation of course books for the students of its Temporary Learning Center (TLC) in Arab Seray community in U.C. Bazaar of district Mardan (KPK). The books were given by the Head Teacher – Mr. Mehboob Ali of Government Primary School in Sajawal Banda village. An enrollment campaign was also initiated in the TLC of Arab Seray by the OSDI appointed teachers prior to beginning of the new session.

To mobilize the focused community of Yaqoob Jokhio, OSDI conducted an enrollment awareness campaign in district Thatta (Sindh). The aim of this drive was to promote the cause of education and highlight the significance of having all the out-of-school children (OOSC) acquire primary education. Special emphasis was made on the necessity of female education. There are 167 households within this community in which 442 OOSC reside. The government school within this community is a ghost school which has been closed since a decade now. OSDI intends to construct a 2 classrooms based Temporary Learning Center (TLC) in this village. The TLC shall also have a washroom facility.

OSDI received a generous donation from Robin Hood Army, a volunteer based NGO dedicated to disperse surplus food to the vulnerable communities. Biscuits, wafers and flavored tea bags were received by the donor for the people living in our focused villages. OSDI distributed these surplus food items in all the three districts targeting mainly the school children for biscuits and wafers and providing tea bags in the susceptible households.

Health-care

To facilitate the ailing people living in the focused communities of OSDI, free General Medical Camps (GMCs) are organized along with the support of the local district government. The aim is to provide free consultation and treatment to the vulnerable people at their door step. Patients diagnosed with communicable or non-communicable diseases are provided free medication in these medical camps. The doctors and paramedical staff appointed in such camps tries their utmost to address the illness however, in a situation the patient requires secondary health-care so, referrals are made to the nearest government hospital.

In this quarter, OSDI assisted 378 male patients and 482 female patients from the communities of district Lasbela (Baluchistan) and Mardan (KPK).

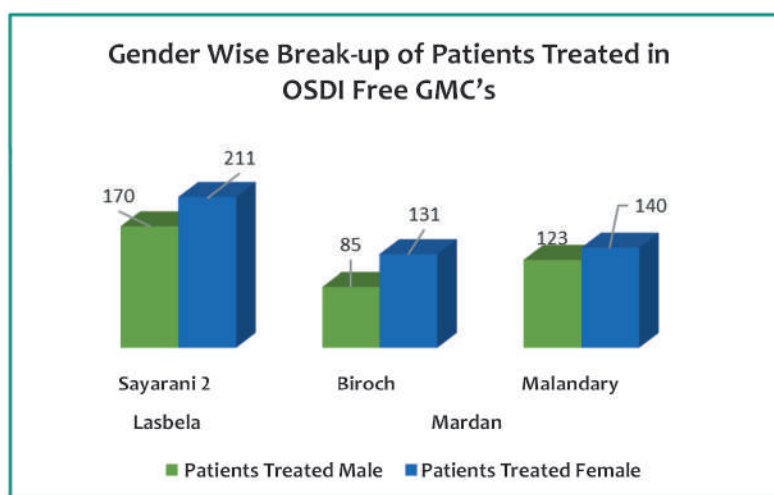


Figure 2: Gender Wise Break-up of Patients Treated in OSDI Free GMC's

Comparison of Prevalent Diseases in Area			
Names of Diseases	Sayarani 1	Sayarani 2	Status
	December 2018	May 2019	
RTI	25%	15%	Decreased
Joint Pain	12%	9%	Decreased
Skin infection	7%	5%	Decreased
GIT	23%	22%	Decreased
Anemia	5%	3%	Decreased
Eye infection	3%	1%	Decreased
HTN	3%	1%	Decreased
UTI	4%	4%	Same
Gynea	1%	1%	Same
ENT	5%	8%	Increased
Fever	6%	23%	Increased
General Weakness	5%	8%	Increased
Grand Total	100%	100%	

Table 2: Comparative Analysis for Diseases in Sayarani Goth

were present on the activity day. Each student was facilitated with a dose of zyntel syrup and a 250ml of milk pack.

Water Nearby Homes Project (WNH)

During the previous quarter, OSDI formed Water Management Committees (WMCs) in the selected communities of district Mardan (KPK). In Lower Baizad Banda, the drilling work of bore was successfully completed; after which the installation of solar panels was made to extract water. 60 liters of water per minute is being expelled from this facility.

District	Village Name	Bore Depth	Water Extracted (Liters Per Day)
Mardan	Baizad Banda	280 ft.	25,200 Liters.
	Boday Qabar	400 ft.	21,400 Liters.
Lasbela	Chamasara	250 ft.	

Table 3: Water Nearby Homes (WNH) Project details

OSDI also constructed a cemented water storage tank which has the capacity to preserve 11,080 liters of water. 30 vulnerable households shall benefit from this project. In the community of Boday Qabar, OSDI drilled a bore of 400 ft. depth. It is the deepest drill done so far in any of our focused districts. 25 susceptible households shall have an easy access to fresh water now. A cemented water storage tank is currently under construction.

Jerry Cans Distributed in District Lasbela		
Village	Location	Qty Given
Chamasara	TLC	1
Faqeera Goth	Girls Feeder School	2
Hashim Goth	Boys Feeder School	1
Sayarani Goth	TLC	2

Table 4: Jerry Cans Distributed in District Lasbela

In the outskirts of Utthal lies, Chamasara Goth a dry and barren village located in district Lasbela (Baluchistan). This community comprises of 3-4 scattered villages; having almost 30 families. There is an irregularity in the water extraction from the bore done by OSDI due to which the calculation of per minute water extraction may differ. OSDI has also distributed free Life-Saver Jerry Cans in its constructed and supported schools of district Lasbela. The students now have safe drinking water easily accessible within their schools.

Health & Hygiene (HH)

Keen focus was made by OSDI on organizing community awareness raising and mobilization sessions on the importance of safe health & hygiene practices in this quarter. Training sessions and demonstrations on various techniques involved for proper hand-wash, teeth brushing, shampooing of hair, bathing, etc. were briefed to the local audience amongst all three focused districts of OSDI. To make the learning process interactive videos and community awareness cartoons like Meena was shown to the villagers. This enhanced the learning as the target audience which were mainly the children and females got engaged and motivated to act as the agents of change for the benefit of the entire community.



First Phase of H&H awareness session at Yaqoob Jokhio Goth

District	Location	No. of Beneficiaries Trained
Lasbela	GBHS Wayaro	446
	TLC Chamasara	41
	Girls Feeder School - Faqera Goth	52
	Boys Feeder School - Hashim Goth	13
	Bilal Khaskheli Goth, Chamasara, Saleh Goth, Sayarani Goth	45
	Girls Feeder School - Sain Goth	43
	TLC Sayarani Goth	80
	TLC Chamasara	43
Thatta	Wali M. Pitafi Goth, Yaqoob Jokhio, Babu Mallah Goth	414
Mardan	Tangoo community	40

Table 5: Beneficiaries Trained in H&H

As compared to the other districts, the audience trained in Lasbela was more because H&H is an established project in this region and there are a good number of OSDI constructed and supported schools here. In district Thatta, OSDI has recently began its interventions. It was the first project in Thatta so, the activity span was of 3 consecutive days in which OSDI's Health Assistant went from village to village to communicate with the community members. In district Mardan, a hazardous outbreak of diarrhea occurred after which a minor died and nearly 100 people fell severely ill in the mountainous community of Tangoo. After a quick action response by the district government, OSDI's Head of District Mardan – Mr. Sajjad Said conducted safe health & hygiene session and arranged for distribution of hygiene kits in all 24 households. These kits included a towel, 2 tissue paper rolls, a nail cutter, an anti-bacterial soap, Dettol liquid soap, Dentonic - oral hygiene powder along with a dish wash bar & sponge, water bottle and 6 glasses.

Natural Resource Management (NRM)

OSDI received a generous donation of 100 plants from Hingol National Park (HNP) in district Lasbela (Baluchistan) during the month of July 2019. The variety consisted of Paras-Pipal plants, Madras Thorns, China Roses, Sheesham also known as Indian Rosewood, Apple Trees and Cococarpus plants. 80 plants have been sowed in the newly constructed Temporary Learning Center (TLC) of Sayarani Goth and the remaining 20 plants have been given for the beautification of a masjid within the local community.



Plants Donated by HNP sowed at TLC in Sayarani Goth

Future Interventions



On the path towards Sustainability

To explore new horizons for financial empowerment, OSDI plans to implement a sub-project entitled "Corporate Farming" in district Lasbela (Baluchistan) and Thatta (Sindh) in the upcoming quarter. This project would be an extension of Agriculture Development Project (ADP).

Since district Thatta is a recent area of intervention hence, prime focus would be made on provision of suitable interventions for improving financial situation of the vulnerable communities. Community Development Programs (CDP) to uplift the local communities from illiteracy, providing them an easy access to basic health-care and increasing awareness about safe health & hygiene practices is the second most highlighted areas of focus.

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