



# Newsletter

## Introduction

To help uplift the susceptible communities from generations old poverty, OSDI offers a variety of sustainability creation projects to empower the rural people economically through income generation and asset creation. Capacity building through aggressive activity based trainings and knowledge sharing workshops are conducted to educate the beneficiaries so they may move out from poverty.

Understanding the fundamental requirements OSDI responds to the basic needs of the people without compromising on their integrity and dignity. Livelihood Assistance Program (LAP), Community Development Program (CDP) and Food Security Program (FSP) are the three core areas for poverty alleviation identified by OSDI based on which projects are initiated within the focused communities.

## Disaster Relief Assistance (DRA)

OSDI received 150 ration bags for the deprived families of district Thatta (Sindh) and Lasbela (Baluchistan) from Robinhood Army. It was the second phase of ration distribution since the outbreak of Covid 19 disease. Families supported during this phase were



Fig 1: Distribution of Tang and Chocopies in Thatta

Break-up of Families Supported for Ration Bags in Phase 2		
District	Village Name	HH Facilitated
Thatta	Ahmed Mallah	45
	Babu Mallah	30
Lasbela	Chamasara	29
	Kareer Goth	15
	Bilal Khaskheli	5
	Chib Sheikh	10
	Jano Goth	3
	Yousaf Goth	3
	Sayarani Goth	1
	Mangyani Goth	1
	Shareef Colony	5
	Duura Goth	2
Gap Kori	1	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>150</b>

Table 1: Break-up of Families Supported for Ration Bags in Phase 2

identified as extremely vulnerable as majority of them were daily wage laborers who were immensely affected due to lock-down. Each of the family supported had a high dependency ratio and suffered from low income generation opportunities. Later on, 14,400 pieces of chocopies and 5,029 tang sachets were also donated by Robinhood Army to be distributed amongst the focused communities of district Thatta and Lasbela.

## Livelihood Assistance Program (LAP)

### Agriculture Development Project (ADP)

In the community of Yaqoob Jokhio in district Thatta (Sindh), the 12 farmers facilitated under ADP – Phase I during the previous quarter were provided with seeds and DAP fertilizers once again as their chili crops completely destroyed during the massive rains. Hence, the farmers were left with no choice but to regrow their crops. To initiate the 2nd Phase of ADP in district Thatta, 12 vulnerable farmers have been selected from the union council of Kaghan to yield wheat crop on 28 acreage of farmland.

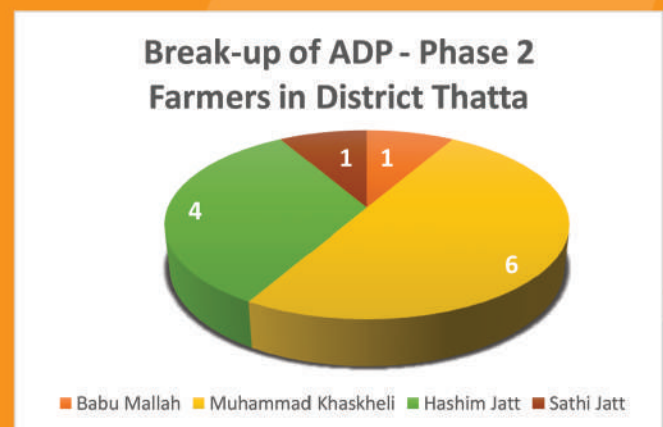


Figure 1: Break-up of ADP - Phase 2 Farmers in District Thatta

OSDI facilitated the farmers with seeds, DAP fertilizer, weedicide spray and tillage amount of PKR 1,225 per acre of land. To train and educate these farmers about the best agrarian practices to enhance their crop produce, OSDI invited Mr. Sarwar Khan Kalamati – Agrarian Expert to talk about land preparation, seed sowing techniques, etc.

In district Lasbela (Baluchistan), the 3rd Phase of ADP has initiated during this quarter. 20 farmers have been selected to harvest 60 acres of farmland to yield wheat crop from the focused communities of Haji Ibrahim Goth and Laloo Goth located in union council of Wayaro and Qambrani Goth in M.C. Utthal. Each farmer has been given wheat seeds and DAP fertilizer bags. Capacity building sessions have been delivered in these focused communities by OSDI's appointed trainer - Mr. Qaiser Habib (Lecturer at Lasbela University of Agriculture and Marine Sciences).

OSDI intends to create fruit orchards in the focused district of Mardan (KPK) considering its climatic temperatures and soil conditions. First Phase of this project is soon to be initiated in the upcoming quarter.



Pic 2: ADP Farmer provided with seeds and DAP fertilizer

## Livestock Development Project (LDP)

OSDI conducted a midline survey in district Lasbela (Baluchistan) and Thatta (Sindh) to check upon the mortality, herd increase, feeding, overall health status and shed maintenance details of all livestock provided during the previous quarter.

In district Thatta, 3rd phase of livestock

vaccination took place; in which 253 animals were inoculated with a single dose of vaccination to protect them from Enterotoxaemia (ET) disease. It's a life-threatening gastrointestinal tract infection which effects the eating habits of animals.

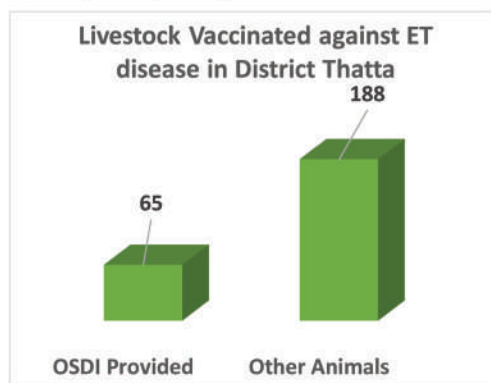


Figure 2: Livestock Vaccinated against ET disease in District Thatta

## Community Development Program (CDP) Education



Pic 3: TLC Built by OSDI in Danok

To train and develop the capacity building of the teachers working at OSDI built schools, Education Officer – Ms. Saira Rashid conducted online teachers training workshops. Teaching staff from district Mardan and Lasbela were taught about various class

room pedagogies and tools to keep the students intact and motivated for their daily classroom lessons.

In district Lasbela (Baluchistan), the Temporary Learning Center (TLC) of Sayarani Goth had eroded due to the massive rains and strong winds. Mr. Rashid Butt – OSDI's Team Leader for this district held one-to-one sessions with the community adults and School Management Committee (SMC) members to play their proactive part in rebuilding of the TLC. Later on, a one classroom based TLC was constructed in the community of Danok. The village lies at a distance of 13 kms from the Utthal office. As of now, 30 students are enrolled in this TLC. In the newly intervened community of Muhammad Doda Goth, OSDI has formed a School Management Committee (SMC) prior to building of a one classroom based TLC. The village is deprived of any educational facility within the radius of 5kms. To ensure the safety of all our students OSDI had its teachers tested against Covid-19 virus and upon confirmation of their negative reports the schools were re-opened as per the government's approval. However, under the threats of the second wave of this pandemic the schools were closed once again.

OSDI distributed sandals amongst the students of TLC in Yaqoob Jokhio in district Thatta (Sindh) to protect the students from heat. Acknowledging the efforts of OSDI the Tehsil Education Officer of

Mirpur Sakro – Mr. Noor Muhammad Kalamati provided 200 course books to Mr. Muhammad Usman – OSDI's Team Leader (Thatta). Later on, 50 more course books were provided to us. The schools shall resume after the approval of the respective district governments in all our focused communities.

### Health-Care

OSDI's Health Assistant – Mr. Hassam initiated the 8th Phase of School Based De-worming Activity (SBDW) in the Temporary Learning Center (TLC) of Sayarani Goth, during this quarter. Altogether 80 students were provided with a single dose of de-worming medicine. After the activity, the students received 250ml of milk packs and face masks.

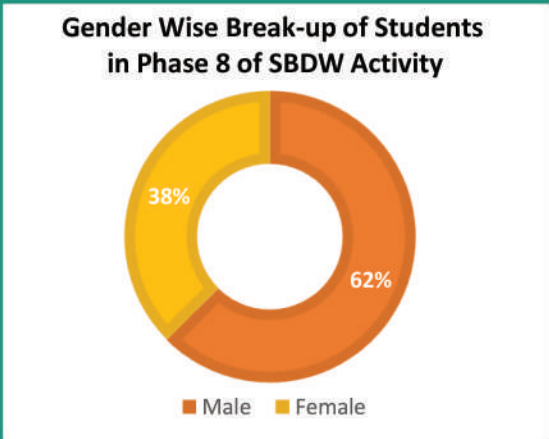


Figure 3: Gender Wise Break-up of Students in Phase 8 of SBDW Activity



Pic 4: Student of TLC Baizad Banda being De-wormed

In district Mardan (KPK), 60 students studying in the Temporary Learning Center (TLC) of Baizad Banda have been administered with zintel syrup to keep them safe from worm infestation. OSDI's Head of District Mardan – Mr. Sajjad Said emphasized on the necessity of wearing face mask, ensuring social distancing and maintaining personal and environmental hygiene to stay safe

from infections or diseases. School Management Committee (SMC) members present during the activity were asked to make sure all out-of-school children (OOSC) were enrolled in this school.

### Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Project (WASH) Health & Hygiene (H&H)

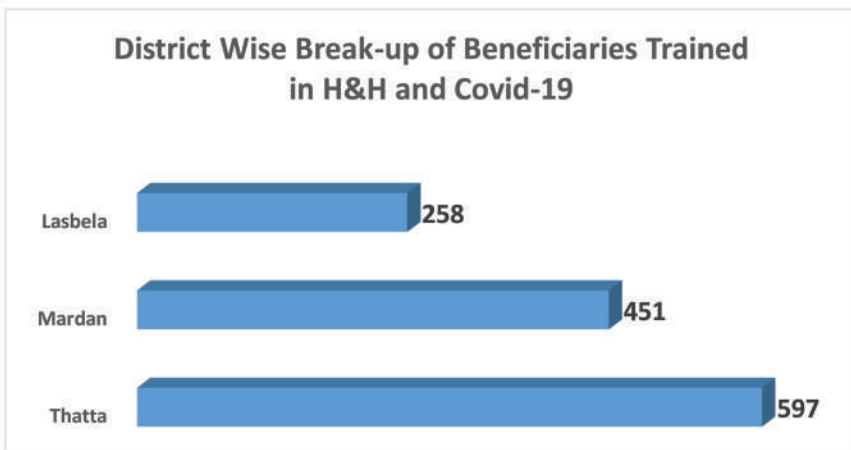


Figure 4: District Wise Break-up of Beneficiaries Trained in H&H and Covid-19

OSDI regularly conducts awareness sessions on safe Health & Hygiene (H&H) practices to safeguard the lives of the people living in its focused communities. During the entire span of this year, thorough follow-ups have been kept abreast to help the district governments fight back against the deadly Covid-19 pandemic.

Since, H&H can play a pivotal role in controlling this disease, Health team at OSDI stood up as volunteers to

increase their awareness raising sessions.

Hygiene kits and tools were also arranged by OSDI to be distributed amongst these focused villages. OSDI collaborated with Robinhood Army to provide anti-bacterial soaps for the vulnerable communities. 8 sensitization sessions were organized by district Mardan team, 7 by Lasbela team and 13 by district Thatta team to educate as many people as possible.



Pic 5: Hygiene awareness session being held in Thatta

## Natural Resource Management (NRM)

The focused community of Sayarani Goth situated in district Lasbela (Baluchistan) suffered immense losses as their property and goods got damaged due to the heavy rainfall in this quarter. To help the people stabilize from this dire situation OSDI's Team Leader – Mr. Rashid Butt arranged for 150 plants from Hingol National Park.

50 conocarpus, 25 neem, 25 paras pipal, 20 jungle jalebi, 20 sirya and 10 jamun trees were distributed amongst the 30 affected households of this revenue village. The villagers have planted these plants within and outside their homes for beautification and lowering of climatic temperature during the summer season.



Pic 6: Children of Sayarani Goth with the plants donated by OSDI

## Future Intervention

New phases of economic activities shall be launched across all the three districts in the upcoming quarter. Sub-projects of OSDI's signature Livelihood Assistance Program (LAP) shall begin in the newly selected focused communities based on their high vulnerability and poverty levels.

Primary Health-care facilities shall be provided in the OSDI's organized General Medical Camps (GMCs) and School Based De-Worming (SBDW) campaigns in the Community Development Program (CDP). Along with this, OSDI shall build more new Temporary Learning Centers (TLCs) and make provision of safe drinking water more accessible to the deprived communities. To serve the purpose aggressive capacity building sessions, social mobilization activities and awareness raising campaigns shall be run across all the targeted villages to help improve the lives of the poverty-stricken families.

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