

Introduction

Since 2009, Organization for Social Development Initiatives (OSDI) has been playing a proactive role in uplifting the rural communities of Pakistan through initiation and implementation of its sustainability creation programs within its focused villages. Livelihood Assistance Program (LAP) aims to provide opportunities for financial stability and empowerment along with paving the way for asset creation and food security. Community Development Program (CDP) offers a variety of projects which contribute towards better living through social mobilization and awareness creation. Last but not the least, Food Security Program (FSP) ensures weaving a food safety net around the vulnerable households by providing them easy access fresh and nutritious vegetables. From working in 4 districts of Sindh to recently expanding our poverty reduction programs in district Thatta (Sindh), Mardan (KPK) and heading on towards district Lasbela of Baluchistan; OSDI has helped improve lives of more than 50,000 vulnerable people.

Livelihood Assistance Program (LAP)

Agriculture Development Project (ADP)

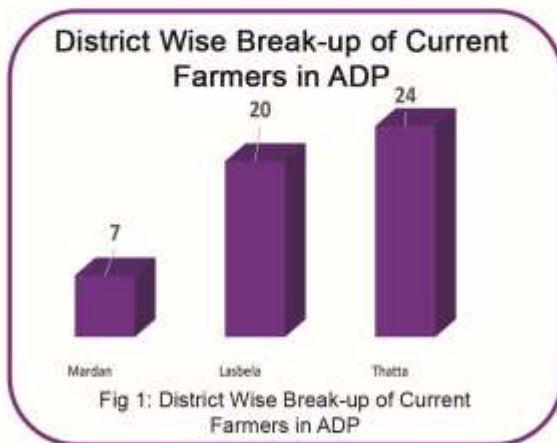
20 farmers facilitated to grow wheat crop in the 3rd Phase of ADP in district Lasbela, have been supported with urea bags in this quarter; to cultivate healthy crop yields. Each farmer received total 6 urea bags in 2 separate rounds.



Pic 1: Distribution of Orange Fruit Plant in District Mardan

In district Mardan, first phase of setting up fruit orchards in the focused communities of Akhundara and Biroch have initiated. 7 farmers have been chosen to cultivate 5 acres of their farmland with orange fruit on their orchards. In the focused communities of district Thatta .

12 farmers were facilitated to grow wheat crop on 28 acres of land in the second phase of ADP. To train these farmers and monitor their crop Mr. Ghulam Hyder Kalamati – an Agrarian Expert was invited by the field team.



Livestock Development Project (LDP)

During the 3rd phase of LDP, 20 susceptible families from the focused community of Chamasara in district Lasbela received 40 pregnant does and 10 bucks. 7 of these does gave birth to 7 male kids which reaching the age bracket of 2 to 4 months were passed on to 7 more vulnerable beneficiaries; thus creating a multiplier effect.



Pic 2: Handing Over of Kid to Secondary Beneficiary

LDP Phase - 3 Beneficiaries		
District	Village	Total Beneficiaries
Mardan	Biroch	11
	Prrang Dara	6
	Akhundara	3

Table 1: Village Wise Break-up in LDP Phase - 3 Beneficiaries in District Mardan

Amongst the 20 calves distributed in district Mardan during the first phase of LDP; 1 calf upon maturing gave birth to a female calf. After successfully completing 10 months of growing cycle, this calf is further passed on to a deserving family for herd increase. 3rd Phase of LDP has initiated in district Mardan under which 20 families have been selected to participate. Soon, pregnant does and bucks shall be distributed amongst these beneficiaries.

In district Thatta, 150 goats have been immunized against contagious caprine pleuropneumonia (CCPP) disease. It is a life-threatening respiratory disease mainly caused in goats, sheep and wild ruminants. The inoculation has been done in collaboration with the veterinary department – Government of Sindh.

Small Rural Enterprise Project (SREP)

From the heart-of-mountains, OSDI has selected 2 beneficiaries each from the focused communities of Prrang Dara, Biroch and Akhundara in district Mardan. Each of the beneficiaries nominated shall initiate their small business in the upcoming days. 4 unemployed yet deserving candidates from the susceptible communities of Laloo Goth, Ibu Sheikh Goth, Haji Ibrahim Goth and Muhammad Doda Goth have been facilitated with goods. Altogether, 3 males and 1 female have been selected. The beneficiaries chose to open up a multi-purpose general store, puncture shop, grocery & confectionary shop and tailoring & embroidery shop.

SREP Beneficiaries for Upcoming Phase in Mardan



Fig. 2: SREP Beneficiaries for Upcoming Phase in District Mardan

Community Development Program (CDP)

Education



Pic 3: Monitoring Visit of ADC in GBHS Wayaro

Educational facilities have finally resumed after a gap of almost a year; ever since the spread of Covid-19 pandemic. To safeguard the health of the students enrolled across all our constructed schools, OSDI has taken all possible precautionary measures to ensure social distancing, wearing face-masks, having teachers tested against Covid 19, etc. In district Lasbela, OSDI's Senior Education Officer – Ms. Saira Rashid conducted online teachers training sessions to educate them about classroom learning techniques and student engagement strategies. To update about the progress of OSDI in the field of education OSDI's

Team Leader – Mr. Rashid Butt regularly attends the District Education Group (DEG) meetings. Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) – Mr. Farhan Roonjha visited the OSDI's supported Government Boys Primary School (GBPS) of Wayaro and acknowledged our work. 2 Temporary Learning Centers (TLCs) were constructed in the focused communities of Qambrani Goth and Danok. The TLCs of Sayarani Goth and Danok

were both handed over to the National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) for smooth functioning. Under the supervision of Ms. Khairunnisa – Field Officer (NCHD) students of TLC in Chib Sheikh community were awarded with annual prizes based on their overall performance. Members of the School Management Committee (SMC) were also present during the ceremony to acknowledge the hard work of the students. The SMC members donated PKR 2,000 for the renovation of school. 4 male and 1 female student was promoted to grade 5. District Education Department of Thatta is very keen on improving the educational standards within their region. To fulfill the purpose, Mr. Muhammad Siddique Palijo - Deputy District Education Officer (DEO) regularly visits the OSDI's field office. To raise awareness about education and its impacts on a progressive society OSDI celebrated Sindh Education Day on 8th January 2021. Students of OSDI's built TLC in Yaqoob Jokhio were promoted to grade 2 by the Tehsil Education Officer (TEO) of Mirpur Sakro – Mr. Noor Muhammad Kalamati. The students were made to appear in a surprise test after which the achievers got promoted. OSDI formally inaugurated the TLC of Yaqoob Jokhio after the Covid -19 restrictions relief. 55 students of grade 2 attended the event which was graced by senior government officials, academia, members of school management committee and partners. NRSP donated 200 hand sanitizer bottles to OSDI for the students of this school. OSDI formally hands over its TLC's to NCHD upon exit from the focused communities of District Lasbela and Thatta; NCHD forwards the administrative rights to District Education Department for smooth functioning of the school.

Health-care

District	Village	Total
Thatta	GMC Babu Mallah	251
Lasbela	GMC Laloo Goth	183
	GMC Qambrani Goth	100
Mardan	GMC Iltafabad	210

Table 2: Total Patients Treated in OSDI GMC's

Altogether, 4 General Medical Camps (GMCs) were organized in collaboration with the district health departments during this quarter. 744 patients received treatment, consultation and free medicines from OSDI. Majority of the patients suffered from Gastro-Intestinal Tract Infections (GITs), Respiratory Tract Infection (RIT), General Body Weakness, etc.

Under School Based De-worming Project (SBDW), 33 students from the OSDI's built

TLC of Danok were administered with a single dose of de-worming medicine and 250ml of milk pack. After the deworming activity Health Manager at OSDI – Dr. Kamran Sohail conducted an awareness session on health & hygiene.

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



Fig. 4: Sessions Taken and People Trained in H&H

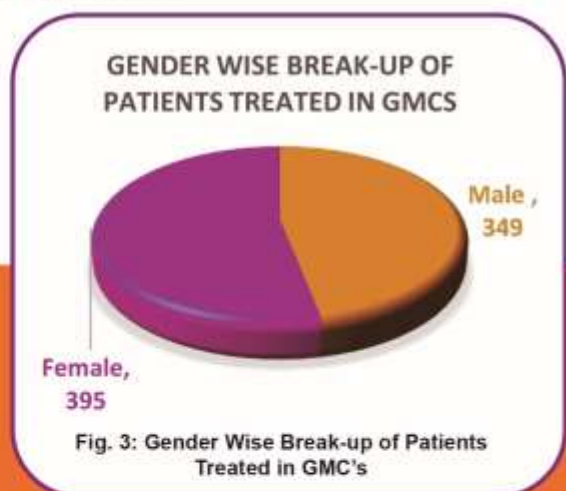


Fig. 3: Gender Wise Break-up of Patients Treated in GMC's

Ever since the out-break of pandemic Covid-19, OSDI has been making aggressive follow-ups, mobilizing communities, raising awareness and helping build upon the capacity of the local people living in our areas of focus. Children being the key change agents and positive influencers are the primary target during these sensitization sessions. 1300 people have been trained from across all the 3 focused districts of OSDI during 36 sessions in this quarter.

Natural Resource Management (NRM)

OSDI's long term ally has once again supported us with 100 plants during this quarter. Deputy Conservative Officer – Mr. Raja Asif from Hingol National Park donated 80 jamun and 20 jangal jalebi plants for the vulnerable focused communities. Jamun is a popular fruit also known as Java Plum, Jambolana, Jambu and Black Plum. The other names of jangal jalebi are Manila Tamarind, Madras Thorn, Monkey Pod and Camachile. 88 plants have been distributed amongst 11 families of Lalu Goth. From the remaining plants, 10 have been sowed in the TLC of Sayarani Goth and 2 in TLC of Danok.



Pic 4: Distribution of Plants in Lalu Goth



Pic 5: PRA Tools Meeting of OSDI Field Teams in District Lasbela

M&E Training

During this quarter, people from the focused communities were engaged in Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) Tools meeting and activity. In district Thatta (Sindh), representatives from Ahmed Mallah Goth, Babu Mallah Goth, Hashim Jatt Goth, Pandhi Jatt Goth and Sathi Jatt Goth were trained. OSDI's Team Leader – Mr. Muhammad Usman engaged the participants in social mapping, problem tree and conducting transect walk. From 18th - 22nd January 2021, a staff training was organized at the head office and field offices of district Thatta (Sindh) and Lasbela (Baluchistan). During the initial 2 days, the field teams were trained about various M&E practices and tools for abrupt information gathering.

Future Interventions

In the upcoming days, interventions in the newly selected communities of OSDI shall begin in full swing; across all the three districts. To create economic prosperity in the lives of the susceptible rural class beneficiaries shall be supported under the Livelihood Assistance Program (LAP) to become financially stable, food secure, generate some savings and progress towards better living. Capacity building of the focused communities to become collective stakeholders of all OSDI projects under the Community Development Program (CDP) shall be done along with the support of the local district governments. Education and Health-care projects shall increase in all the respective districts to help and guide the upcoming youth and provide opportunities for primary treatment to the suffering people. Food Security Program (FSP) shall weave a food safety net around the vulnerable families so they may overcome hunger and malnutrition issues.

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