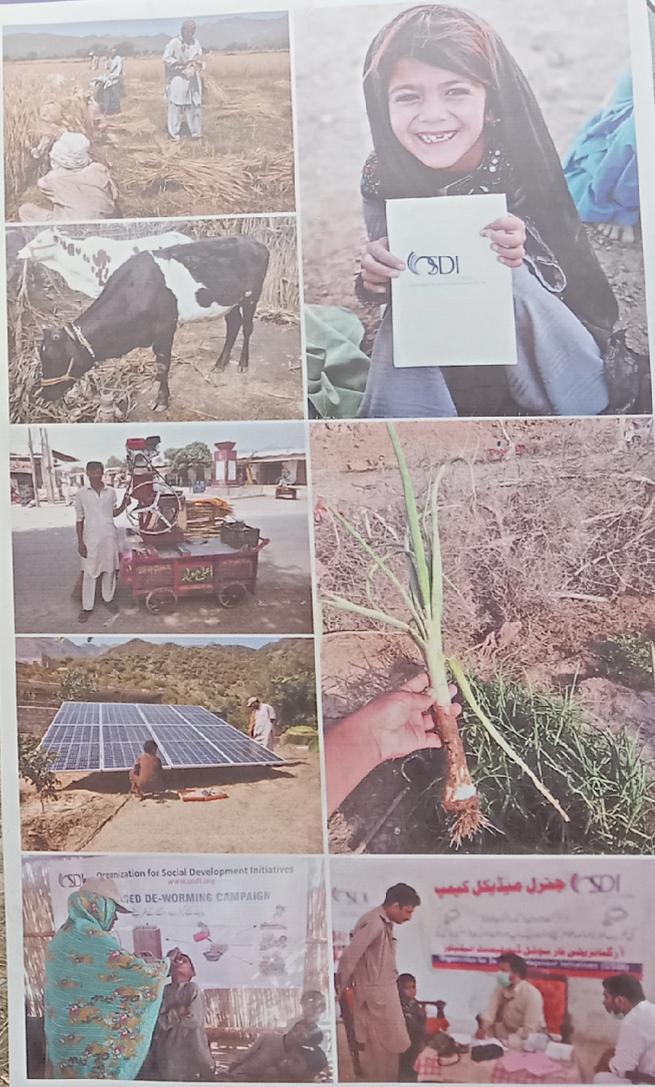


Introduction

To create sustainability within the poverty-struck households of rural communities of Pakistan, Organization for Social Development Initiatives has geared up to facilitate the vulnerable people with doable solutions, which efficiently and effectively cater to their basic needs. The three dimensional approach of OSDI, helps in lowering of financial instability through decrease in monthly expense and increase in monthly income. Livelihood Assistance Program (LAP), Community Development Program (CDP) and Food Security Program (FSP), combine to uplift the dilapidated communities from generations old poverty through implementation of their sub-projects.





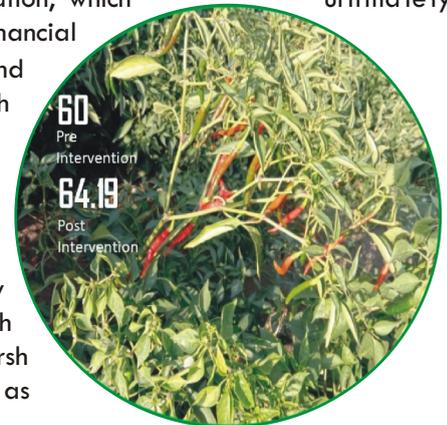
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Livelihood Assistance Program (LAP)

Agriculture Development Project (ADP)



In the previous quarter, OSDI selected vulnerable farmers to grow wheat crop in district Thatta (Sindh) and Lasbela (Baluchistan). To support these smallholder farmers, OSDI facilitated them with agricultural inputs such as seeds, tillage amount, fertilizers and weedicides. In both the focused districts, OSDI's team conducted aggressive capacity building sessions and trainings to help improve the overall crop produce. Because, the increase in crop produce would result in more income generation, which ultimately shall contribute in the overall financial sustainability of these small land owners. The shared graph shows the difference between the average per acre production before and after intervention in district Lasbela.



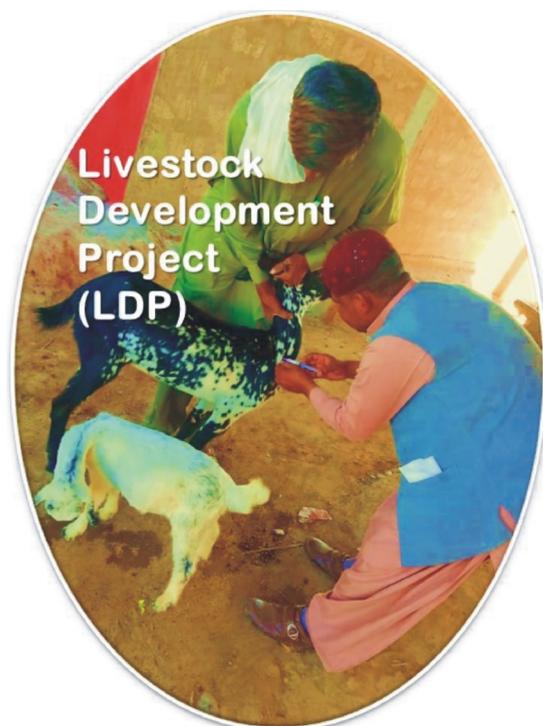
Since, the wheat crop in district Thatta was severely damaged, due to unavailability of irrigation water for long duration, the farmers suffered a loss. The chilli crop which was implemented in the previous phase of ADP in Thatta; inspite of the harsh circumstances (lack of irrigation water) managed to show an increase of 7% as compared to the previous years.



Horticulture Project

Last year in the month of February 2021, OSDI initiated the 1st Phase of Horticulture Project in the focused community of Akhundara in district Mardan (KPK) in which 7 farmers were facilitated to grow 560 orange plants on 5.25 acres of farmland. As few plants died, OSDI again facilitated these farmers with 210 plants in the month of December 2022; making the total count of plants given in this phase as 770. The 2nd Phase of this project has initiated in the focused community of Biroch in this quarter. OSDI has supported 3 farmers to grow orange orchards on 5.25 acres of farmland in this phase. Frequent capacity building sessions are being conducted by OSDI, to train & develop

the farmers to safeguard their orange fruit plants and take care of the plants nutrition. Moreover, these farmers are also given fertilizers (micro and macro), pesticides, insecticides, weedicides, and fungicides as per need. This activity shall continue till four years of plantation.



Pic 1: Vaccination of Livestock in District Lasbela

In the current quarter, OSDI's appointed veterinary experts have successfully treated 495 animals in all the three focused districts of Mardan (KPK), Thatta (Sindh) and Lasbela (Baluchistan). The health facilitations provided by the vet and OSDI's field staff has further been divided into three separate categories: Primary Health Check, Deworming of the animal and Vaccination of the livestock against any contagious life-threatening disease. As a result, healthy livestock further produces healthy animals and increased flow of milk. During the capacity building sessions, the beneficiaries are taught about animal health & hygiene maintenance, fodder preparation, breeding and other animal rearing practices.

Fig 4: Animals Treated by OSDI's appointed Vet in the Focused Districts in this Quarter



Community Development Program (CDP)

Education

OSDI adopted the closed educational facility of Government Boys Primary School in Gul Muhammad Samoo community in district Thatta (Sindh) during the fiscal 2020-21. Ever since, its adoption efforts were made to increase the number of student enrollments, appoint a local teacher, improve the school building through repairing & reconstruction of the damaged infrastructure. Learning tools and facilities were provided for better knowledge sharing process. The local community was sensitized about the importance of education especially of the female gender. In this quarter, OSDI has handed over this school to the National Disability & Development Forum (NDF) to continue the school's smooth functioning upon OSDI's exit from this vicinity. In district Lasbela (Baluchistan), monthly teacher training sessions are organized to help train & improve the teaching skills of the female teacher, employed at the Temporary Learning Center (TLC) of Qambrani. Results of annual examinations have been released in the TLCs of Chib Sheikh and Qambrani. A 200ft water pipeline facility has been installed in the TLC of Qambrani which shall facilitate the school in dual ways, firstly it shall provide water in the school washroom and secondly, the plants sowed shall be watered with ease. To highlight the cause of education, OSDI's field staff participated in the education awareness walk held by the Government Boys High School of Wayaro. OSDI has also distributed course books and stationary items in its focused schools.



Pic 2: MOU Signing between OSDI & NDF Officials

Health-care



Fig 5: Details of Patients checked in the OSDI organised GMCs in this quarter

Under the Health-care project, OSDI organizes General Medical Camps (GMCs) in collaboration with the local health department in all its focused districts to make primary health care easily accessible at the doorsteps of the ailing people. A total number of 1342 patients were treated and checked for primary diagnosis by OSDI's appointed doctors and paramedical staff during the 7 General Medical Camps (GMCs) held within this quarter.

In district Mardan and Lasbela, 2 GMCs per district were organized in coordination with the local Health Department however, in district Thatta the number of GMCs was 3. The total turnout of patients remained low in district Mardan as 350, whereas in Lasbela 402 patients received treatment. As the number of GMCs in Thatta were more, hence, 590 patients were successfully treated. The patients not only received primary health care but were also facilitated with medicines by OSDI's healthcare team, during each GMC.

Besides, organizing GMCs in its focused communities, OSDI also collaborated with the local health department and other health cluster organizations in district Lasbela to facilitate the Hindu Welfare Society with free medicines during the annual Hinglaj Yatra pilgrimage. As per the records shared by the health department, approximately 7000 patients have been checked and treated during the holy pilgrimage held between 25th-27th March 2022.



Pic 3: Health & Hygiene session in district Thatta

Health & Hygiene (H&H) Awareness



Fig 6: Hygiene Kits Distributed in GPS-Gul Muhammad Samoo in District Thatta

A total number of 873 beneficiaries were sensitized in the 39 health & hygiene awareness raising sessions conducted across all the three focused districts of OSDI i.e. Mardan, Lasbela and Thatta, during this quarter. OSDI's Health-care and field teams made aggressive efforts to educate the local people by communicating in their respective native languages so they may understand the health risks involved in overlooking the hygiene issues. Keen emphasis was made on briefing the students enrolled in OSDI focused schools to ensure their personal and environmental hygiene from bathing daily, to washing their hands before and after every meal especially after sanitation, brushing teeth twice a day, wearing clean clothes, keeping their home, classroom and neighborhood clean, etc. The children being the key change agents proactively play their role in creating a positive social change within their respective society.

Food Security Program (FSP) Kitchen Garden Project (K.G.)

In the focused communities of union council in Kaghan in district Thatta (Sindh), OSDI has supported 20 vulnerable households to participate in the 4th Phase of OSDI's Kitchen Garden (K.G.) project. Beneficiary families have been chosen from the targeted villages of Ahmed Mallah, Babu Mallah and Hashim Jatt to grow cluster beans, mustard, onions and corianders. To help facilitate these beneficiaries about proper land preparation, seed sowing, fertilizer usage and watering process; capacity building sessions are conducted by the OSDI's field team.



Fig 7: K.G.-Phase 4 initiated in District Thatta

Future Intervention

In this quarter, OSDI has successfully conducted a baseline survey to explore new vulnerable villages for intervention and sustainability creation in the focused district of Lasbela (Baluchistan). The communities visited belonged to the union councils of Wayaro and Watori. Poverty alleviation projects shall be launched as per need, in the chosen communities after final compilation of results. In district Mardan (KPK), regular activities shall keep ongoing to facilitate the under-privileged communities. Since the projects implemented by OSDI have come to a conclusion as per the timeframe decided in district Thatta (Sindh), OSDI shall now smoothly exit from this region.

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