

Case-study

Khuda Rahem: Remodeling life

Khuda Rahem, a resident of Qazi Patti, district Shikarpur was one of the unfortunate victims of the devastating floods that enveloped the entire district. He was one of those lucky farmers from his village that used to generate an income of PKR. 2000 to 7000, after excluding all the expenses. A producer of rice and wheat, he was one of the blessed farmers in his district that were able to adequately provide for his household consisting of two daughters, two sons, and a wife.

OSDI through its One Room Shelter program tried minimizing his load of sorrows, by providing technical assistance and consultation regarding location, construction material, logistics and adequate safety measures for building his house.



He still remembers that ill-fated day with all its attributes. He reminisces: *“We were in our homes when my relatives called from the nearby village about the impending waters; we had to leave all our belongings and livelihood. It all happened in frenzy’.* As there was no warning before the flood, therefore he had to flee, like many flood victims, to the adjoining village of Shahee Bagh. To add salt to his wounds he had to experience acute food shortages, difficult living conditions and pervasive outbreak of diseases. His son also suffered from diarrhea, to make his life more cumbersome.

OSDI has surely proven a beacon of hope for him and his family. He is really appreciative of the efforts and admits contently: *“We were so used to false promises and being let down that we didn’t have any hope, but OSDI has surely came as a savior. I was overjoyed to get the first tranche,”* This would enable him to have a shelter of his own, one of the utmost need of a human’s sustenance.

We at OSDI hope that he continues to live and rejoice with his family without having to suffer anymore.