

Case-Study

Obaidullah: Advancing towards prudence

In the village of Punal Kashilo, district Shikarpur, lives Obaidullah. His life has become a true manifestation of traumatism. After the devastating floods that hit his village, he went through a great ordeal. Not only he had the misfortune of losing his livelihood but also mental derangement that came his way due to the death and decay that he encountered.

OSDI came as a relief for him through its One Room Shelter program. As his family evacuated their homes a day prior to the flood, he chose to stay back and safeguard his house and family's chattels. But when the flood struck his village, he was reported to have fainted due to the severity of it. He was then taken to the relief camps. Obaidullah's brother reminisces in anguish: *"He used to wander off at night to other relief camps. We used to search for him for hours. We had to report him missing many times because we couldn't find him"*. Inadequate health facilities in the relief camps led to more deterioration of his already perturbed mental health.

Returning back home agitated his miseries further, as his house became debris; he was compelled to shift with his family of 12 in a tent. Their submerged seven acres of farm land also ejected the hope of providing for his family. With OSDI's extended support, his family has received the first two tranches of funds that has enabled them to procure construction materials for their house. They have also been facilitated with regard to consultation and imparting of knowledge regarding their new abode.

OSDI aims that this would at least lead to the mitigation of some of his problems and would enable his family to invest more efforts into seeking treatment of his ailment which we hope will be cured with the passage of time.

