Pakistan has seen the worst of floods in the past few months. Millions have been displaced in all four provinces of the country. The figures relating to the devastation are colossal. While there is despair all around, yet there is hope, hope in the idea of learning from errors, rebuilding and moving on.

There are those who are appreciative of the help coming through the USAID/OFDA Bahaal project and one such case is of Bakht Ali, a resident of Basti Ghulam Muhammad, District Rajanpur, Punjab. Life after the devastating floods was quite different for Ali and his family of 7.

“My animals’ deteriorating health worried me; it kept me up at nights”, he said. He owns 3 buffaloes, which are the main source of income for his family. Prior to the floods, his 3 buffaloes were producing approximately 36 liters of milk each day, which is 12 liters individually. The pastures destroyed by the floods left Ali’s animals without adequate nutrition. Their cumulative production fell substantially to 10 liters a day.

After the introduction of the feed supplement, the animals started regaining health and their milk production returned to normal. Ali received two units of Animal-Feed Supplement (Vanda), weighing at 37 Kg each. Mr. Ali was deeply obliged and thankful to USAID/ODFA’s Bahaal personnel and vowed to continue the initiative to rebuild and recover.

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