

# AZAD JAMMU & KASHMIR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

## Success Stories of Sustainability of Development Activities under AJK-CDP.

### Increasing Income: The Story of Ramzan



**Ramzan** is about 50-year Old man and lives in Kotli Sohlan village with his Family. He is a professional kisan and a member of LSO Kotli Sohlan, a producer group working with LSO members. He currently supervises LSO in his village, trains group members on improved agricultural practices and gender issues, and provides advice when needed. The main source of income for his family is through marketing the vegetable that the family produces on their small farms and purchase from their fellow farmers at the beginning of the harvest season when there is a shortage of vegetable in the market so they fetch a good income. Ramzan and his family own 1 acre of land. He has learned many modern agronomic techniques after joining training by AJK-CDP. Before that he used to apply the old traditional ways of agricultural practices due to

which the production of agricultural products was very low. He used improved seeds, and sprays his crops with pesticides and his yields have increased many times. In July 2016, Ramzan was selected by the District Agriculture Officer to engage in improved seed multiplication and rented 2 acres of land to pursue this new activity. Previously, Ramzan used to produce vegetables at two kanal only for family consumption and was not aware of marketing the Vegetable. Now, after learning from Sustainability program of AJK-CDP, he knows more about improved seed varieties and, in the coming seasons, he will have the opportunity to provide this improved seed to the farmers of his village and other villages. In doing so, Ramzan will help in reducing the cost of seeds by avoiding the transportation charges of the long distances and will help more farmers use improved varieties of vegetable seeds. He will promote his products in his own and other villages. "I'm confident to say that I will increase my family income through this business and increase my network as I will be linked with different people and I always welcome other farmers to come and learn what I am doing. I will use the income to solve my family problems and increase capital to our small business activities