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## Under 12s Team Up For Farming!

In Uganda, the Beersheba Football Club Under 12s have begun their training as part of this year's Young Farmers Club.

Throughout 2021, twenty seven boys will be equipped to successfully engage in organic farming through both theoretic teaching and practical application.

This month they have learnt many of the basic skills including soil and seed selection, the importance of nursery beds and how to construct them, and site preparation. They have worked hard preparing their individual group plots ready for planting and have been applying some of the knowledge they have learnt so far.

In this first season they will be growing eggplants, spinach and sukumawiki (a popular green leaf vegetable) and already they are looking forward to harvesting their produce to eat with their families at home, or to sell to generate income for scholastic materials such as exercise books and pens.



***"I'm happy that my coaches allowed me to be part of this team of young farmers as it's a big opportunity to gain knowledge on sustainable agriculture. I'm learning to grow crops on small portions of land, and I now feel able to prepare a nursery bed, treat seeds, and to plant them. I'm still learning more skills though and as I get to understand them, I will do the same at home."***

**- Ramandhani**





# News From India



In Mumbai, India, there's been lots of positive changes seen in the girls who are part of the football programme in Nallasopara Hub.

Parents report that their children are happy and excited to learn football but have also started to help more at home and are more focused on studies. Previously there was an issue regarding a ground to play from and the girls were missing out but having partnered with another club in January, the girls are now excited and happy to resume training again.

Alongside learning football skills and tactics within the game, the girls are also engaged in life skills sessions, helping them in their day-to-day life. In January they were taught in the areas of Teamwork, Responsibility, Leadership, and Forgiveness, all through the medium of football. They have gained self-confidence and are learning to stand up for what is right and how to work in a team.



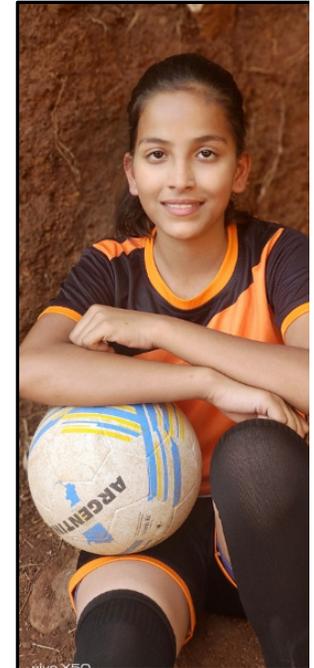
## Chanchal's Story

Before joining the programme Chanchal didn't respect or listen to the elders in her community, or help at home, but now she's respectful and helpful with chores and housework.

She used to fight a lot with her brother and sister when they would correct and advise her, but now she listens to them and understands that what they are telling her is for her good.

She now understands how to participate as part of a team and helps in collecting and distributing nutritional foods.

She encourages the younger players to listen to their elders and to show respect, and during practices if someone is doing something wrong she corrects them and helps them to do things differently. She has learnt many different things from the life skills sessions like how to manage time, and how to listen to others before also speaking.





# Celebrating Beersheba FC



At the end of December, the Beersheba Football Club gathered for their end of year awards and celebration event. Certificates were awarded for the Player of the Year and Players' Player of the Year in each team, and speeches were given by coaches, local council leaders and community members. It was a great time to eat, share and celebrate together after a very difficult year.

Many of those receiving certificates were recognised not simply for their footballing ability and success, but also for their attitude, character, and in many cases, for the transformation seen in their behaviour over the last year.

As the Beersheba family extends far beyond the football club there was also recognition given by community members and local leaders, and a special certificate given for the Beersheba FC Supporter of the Year!"

***"Over the year 2020 I worked with everyone in my team in cooperation, but I was surprised and felt loved with the comments my teammates wrote about me when we were voting for a player of the year. I felt a little bit uncomfortable with those comments thinking my teammates were just flattering me, but I was told that was not the case. I honour and respect their love and support throughout the year and more so for choosing me to be their player of the year."***

**- Issa, Under 12s Player's Player of the Year**



# Special Recognition for the Beersheba Supporter of the Year!



*“There are a lot of teams in my community, but I decided to support Beersheba FC because of the kind of players they have. I have watched them grow from one stage to another in Beersheba, and they are disciplined, hardworking and committed to team activities.*

*This club has only players home-grown from our community which makes them a team that works together and more of a family. I have gone to so many places with the Beersheba FC senior team during their league matches and I was always happy to sacrifice my time and resources to support this club. When I know it’s a match day, I leave my work, fuel my motorcycle and ride to wherever they are playing. I do this because of the love I have for Beersheba FC.*

*One other thing I like about these boys is that they never respond in a bad way when they are criticised for a poor performance. Sometimes the players can get insulted, but these boys remain calm and encouraged even when they are attacked.*

*I am so honoured and humbled that I was given this award of BFC supporter of the year 2020.”*

**- Ramadhan**



# Rama' Named Beersheba FC Ambassador of the Year!



*"I'm told I was awarded the "Ambassador of the Year 2020" because of the way I present myself at the club and in the community. I am sure I have been a good representation of my team and the entire FFL programme. Not only do I behave well and speak well of the Beersheba Football Club while at Beersheba, but my deeds go further to the community where other people can realise the work BFC is doing.*

*I started with Beersheba FC when I was a young boy of about 13 and went through all stages of development until I am now a senior team player as well as a coach. As a member of the senior team, it is my obligation to represent the team in a moral way and ensure the club is known for its positive contribution to players and the entire community.*

*I'm convinced that my time with Beersheba FC is not a waste, and I therefore always want to represent the club as an appreciation to the people who have made contributions towards making me who I am."*

**- Ramadhan, Beersheba FC Senior Team Player Coach.**



***"I appreciate Beersheba football club for the good work they are doing in this community. I grew up in this community and I have seen Beersheba empowering young boys and youth and the impact Beersheba FC has had on the life of young people in my community.***

***Many of the boys who have gone through Beersheba have been transformed in the way they conduct themselves in my community. Boys have developed from one stage to another which makes our community a good place to stay. We are happy as a local council that this football club is in our area of operation. Honestly, we have not had any criminal cases committed by Beersheba boys indicating that they are good people in our area. I therefore encourage Beersheba FC players to continue being good examples to other boys and youth in our area."***

**- Joshua, Local Council 1, General Secretary.**



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