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Cash and Crops in Uganda





"I'm grateful that at Beersheba we do lots of important activities besides football activities. We come to play football but when we also get an opportunity to learn habits and skills which are helpful to us, we take it seriously. I'm happy to have attended the saving group training where I learnt several things. I realised that saving in a group is safer than individual saving at home. Coming together with others helps one to get support, guidance, encouragement, motivation from others. You can also get help in case you are faced with a challenge which might need other people's effort and support.

I learnt to save with a purpose, sometimes people save money without a purpose which is not beneficial at the end of the saving cycle. I am going to save the small money I get from my mother to cater for my school requirements next year. I have already shared this idea with my mother, and she is willing to support me with some money to save. I want to go to school next year with enough school requirements."

John, Under 16s.

"I feel privileged to be part of the Young Farmers Club. It is a great opportunity for me to be part of this group of boys who learn and work together to produce nutritious food. After undergoing the training on vegetable growing, I went home and shared with my elder sister my interest in growing vegetables at home, she bought for me collard greens seeds which I planted with her.

We are now eating some of the vegetables as we sell the others to get money for our basic needs. I have not learnt everything yet, but I know our trainer is training us more things in sustainable agriculture. By end of this year, I will have learnt a lot in farming."

Mubarak, Under 12s.





Bangalore Boys Share Their Thoughts

Vishal and Yashwanth are part of the Oasis India Football Programme at the HGH hub in Bangalore.



"I joined the football programme because my friends were there. Every day I look forward to the match practices and I enjoy spending time with my friends in the field. I also like it when we get opportunities to watch live matches in the India Super League.

My dream is to join the Indian police service and serve my country but I will also continue to play football with my friends. I can't wait Oasis to start practices again after the lockdown".

Yashwanth

"I joined the football programme because of my passion for football and also because Oasis offered it free of cost. After joining the programme, coach David inspired me a lot and my dream is to become a good goalkeeper like Indian player Sunil Chettri. He is so focused on the game and a good team player. I have miss playing football regularly over the past year, and I'm waiting for Oasis to resume the coaching soon."

Vishal Anthony

Lionhearts Host the Euros!

The Lionhearts Football School of Excellence, home of the Oasis Lionhearts, are putting together a local tournament to coincide with the European Championships this summer.

Best wishes in all the preparations and for all the teams that will be participating





Meet the Coaches!



Ramadhani is the senior team coach at the Beersheba Football Club in Uganda. Here he shares a little about himself and his work with FFL.



What team do you support and who is your and favourite player?

I support Arsenal and my favourite player is Rob Holding. He is a confident central defender who plays with a calmness and determination. He commands his teammates well and is very good both on the ground and in aerial duels.

What's the best thing about being part of Oasis FFL?

Here the players feel a sense of belonging and the way leaders and coaches treat the players is exceptional. We always welcome everybody regardless of their status and behavior and with the hope that with our help, they can be transformed.

What do you like about working with the boys in your team?

I always want to leave a legacy in my community and a way I can do that is to work with young boys. Football has been a big part of my life, and I want to always help others learn how to play football in a good way and with good character. I want to build my coaching career such that I can help players in a professional way. Coaches will always want the best players, but I also want those with good character.

Tell us a little about yourself?

I'm very patient and I do not easily give up in life no matter the situation. I'm always hopeful that things can change for the better, so I maintain my good discipline and good relationships with people even in tough times. I'm good at mobilizing other people and everybody in our community knows what kind of person am I.

What advice do you have for our FFL coaches and players around the world?

A coach brings together people with different beliefs, ideas, and status to work together and support one another. Jurgen Klopp of Liverpool inspires me a lot, he is very friendly to his players and motivates them to perform well. My hope is that we all continue to build a positive relationship with our players and the entire community. That is what defines the Beersheba Football Club here in Uganda. We are still labouring to transform our boys, but transformation is a process so keep on going.



Suzanne is one of the coaches at the Nallasopara hub in Mumbai, India.



What team do you support and who is your and favourite player?

I support Barcelona and my favourite player is Lionel Messi. He is the best and I want to be able to play like him someday. I love the way he dribbles and helps his teammates.

What's the best thing about being part of Oasis FFL?

I love what Oasis is doing by supporting young people through football, as the majority of people don't support sports so much. Oasis FFL doesn't just support in football skills but helps boys and girls to improve in many areas. We provide nutrition and kits to the players and we're helping to guide children who need it most. Oasis FFL is doing something incredible, and I am glad I can be part of it.

What do you like about working with the boys and girls in your team?

I like to coach the boys and girls so that they get an opportunity to do something in life. People do not support sports much and I want to change that by supporting the children and training them.

Tell us a little about yourself?

This journey of being a coach has been wonderful. I knew from a player's point of view my feelings about football but now I experience it from a coach's point of view as well. It feels so good to able to teach and encourage the children to play. Watching them playing in tournaments against other teams and getting appreciated for the way they play is a feeling that can't be expressed. Seeing them achieving success is a blessing.

What advice do you have for our FFL coaches and players around the world?

Never give up. If you want to become successful, you need to work hard. You may feel demotivated at times but always remember even if you fail, you are learning, so stay positive and give your best. Success will come when the time is right.







Running for Football for Life





On 3rd July 2021, Global Coordinator, Dave Caswell, will be running the Birmingham Black Country Half Marathon to raise funds for Oasis Football for Life.

Accompanied by three friends and supporters of FFL, the team will attempt to run the 13.1 miles from Wolverhampton city centre to Brindley Place in Birmingham.

If you are able, please consider making a donation to support Dave and the team in raising much needed funds for Football for Life.

Details of how to give easily and securely are shown below:



JustGiving

If you'd like to support this event, you can donate at Just Giving by using the following link:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Dave-CaswellFFL

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