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Savings Success in Uganda!



The Beersheba Football Club Savings Groups completed their first year of savings at the end of 2021. Eighty boys from across the four BFC teams took part in project, where they learnt about the importance of saving, money management and financial planning, and how to invest their savings in income generation activities. The boys also took on roles and responsibilities within their respective groups, such as chairman, treasurer, key keeper, and mobilizer, helping to them to develop good leadership and life skills.

“At the conclusion of the first cycle of savings at the end for 2021, an amazing total of 1,229,400 UGX (£256) was saved across the three savings groups.



Savings were shared out accordingly at the end of December 2021 and will make a

huge impact on the financial and economic development of our young people.

Throughout the year training also took place to help increase capacity and develop leadership and social skills around finances and financial sustainability.

We are now looking forward to continuing the groups in the coming year, developing even greater financial management skills for the boys, and helping to support them in income generation activities and long-term financial literacy.”

- Fred Majeli (Oasis FFL Coordinator, Uganda.)



“I was inspired to join the group by my coach and decided to save to buy a goat. I worked in my father’s garden, and he paid me some little money which I used as part of my savings payments. I feel like I never wasted my time or money because I’ve now receiving what I had saved. My plan is to continue saving with the savings group until I get enough to buy a cow.”
- Hussein.



“I was able to save 32,000. I’m going to use this money to buy myself one hen and the balance will be used for food at home. I am pleased to have saved this much with the Beersheba FC saving group.” - Umar

“I was able to get 20,000 and I’m going to use my saving to buy a new school uniform and some casual wear to be worn at home. May God bless my coaches who encouraged us to join the savings group. - Nasser





Training Resumes in Mumbai



While Covid restrictions are still in place in India, regular practices have resumed with the teams in Nallasopara, in Mumbai. Alongside football training sessions, the girls have also been learning through life skills sessions in 'teamwork' and 'time management'. The girls are split into two groups, 8 to 12 year olds, and 13 to 17 year olds, so the teaching is age specific and delivered appropriately.

Teams will be participating in a tournament on 20th February 2022, with 2 teams from Nallasopara Hub and 1 team from the KP Hub representing Oasis India and Oasis Football for Life.

The club is also preparing the girls for the Palghar District Football Associate (PDFA) tournament, starting in April 2022.



During January, the girls decided to help the children where the programme takes place.

They brought sweets and snacks from home and gave them to the children in the area. The girls were pleased to see the community children excited and happy, and understood the joy that giving and showing kindness to others can bring.

Training has also started for boys in the community. This new aspect of the programme is developing well; the boys are attending practices, making new friends, and learning many new things.



Rajeshwari Gupta came to Mumbai as a migrant with her parents who were looking for work. She joined the football programme in 2021 and has learnt lots of football skills, as well as life skills.

She has learnt about time management, respecting elders, being united, and how teamwork helps in matches. She has also now played in tournaments and can play confidently with the other players.





Young Farmers Graduate!



Congratulations to The Young Farmers Club, Class of 2021, who graduated at the end of last year!

Each of the 25 boys received a certificate to acknowledge their completion of the programme, and the new farming skills they had acquired throughout the year.

The boys were trained in all aspects of growing crops, including site and seed selection, nursery bed and shade preparation, transplanting, staking, and pest and disease management. They also learn about irrigation, mulching, pruning, and the type and application of suitable fertilisers, and were able to successfully implement this knowledge in their group plots.

The boys were taught about growing maize, spinach, sukumawiki, tomatoes, collard greens, beans, eggplant, green pepper, and onions, and their level of understanding and knowledge learnt was evidenced in their application of each part of the various processes right through to the harvesting of crops.

They also developed important social skills as they worked together to overcome challenges and setbacks and worked towards a shared goal. Social and emotional skills that were observed being developed and practiced, included: patience, empathy, communication, respect for others, compromise, and acceptance.



"I am proud to be among the young farmers who completed the programme and graduated in sustainable organic farming in 2021. I will use this knowledge to continue practicing the farming methods and practices to engage myself in vegetable growing for consumption at home.

Beersheba Football Club is a unique club in this community because they help us learn many other skills besides football. I am happy to have received a certificate which I will present to my parents to show that I attended a farming course at the Beersheba Football Club."

- Juma



Tackling Trafficking in Kyrgyzstan

In Kyrgyzstan, training recently took place on the “Prevention of Human Trafficking and Safe Employment.”

This training was specifically for children in Kyrgyzstan, who are without parental care, and living in boarding schools and orphanages. This category of child is especially vulnerable to human trafficking, child labour, and abusive working conditions, so the training was of huge importance.



The training included team building topics related to ‘human trafficking’ that used the Oasis 9 Habits, as a tool to help develop important character habits such as, being patience, being considerate, and being hopeful, and to support them to avoid becoming victims of exploitation.



New Book Coming Soon!



The second book in the ‘Kolo and the Mighty Mangoes’ series is due to be released in April!

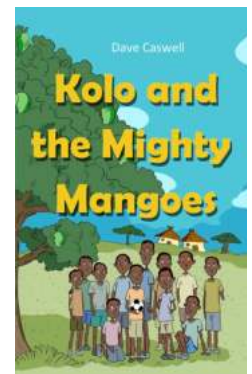
Written by Oasis Football for Life Global Coordinator, Dave Caswell, ‘Kolo and the Mango Park Mystery’ continues the adventures of Kolo and his friends, with lots of life lessons throughout the book, and questions at the end of each chapter to stimulate thought and discussion.

The book is aimed at 8 to 12 year olds, but lots of younger and older readers have also enjoyed the Kolo stories.

The first book in the series, ‘Kolo and the Mighty Mangoes’, is now from Amazon, and other leading retailers as both paperback and eBook.

“My under 12s team love the Kolo and the Mighty Mangoes stories. They have really helped the team to think about their own lives and I’ve seen their behaviour and character change because of what they have learnt and discussed.”

**- Wambi Hashim,
Coach, Beersheba Football Club, Uganda.**



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