



NEWSLETTER – August 2022



Lionhearts Roaring!



The Oasis Lionhearts have had another great season. The teams have not only played well in their league matches but have showed great qualities in terms of behaviour and character.

Well done to the boys, the coaches, and staff!

“Last season these lads made a significant contribution to Oasis Lionhearts Youth Football Club.

Their commitment, perseverance and pure determination demonstrated the Oasis 9 habits. They didn't always win finishing mid table in their respective leagues, but they learnt about teamwork, discipline and built resilience.

We are so proud of them and the rest of the team.

Oasis Football for Life is not just about football but about developing young people to be the best they can. We are looking forward to next season. Come On!”

- Andy Brown, Oasis Hub Hobmoor.

“Zayaan has loved his time at Oasis and Richard and the team have helped build his confidence to another level. I'm willing to help support wherever needed.”

- Parent

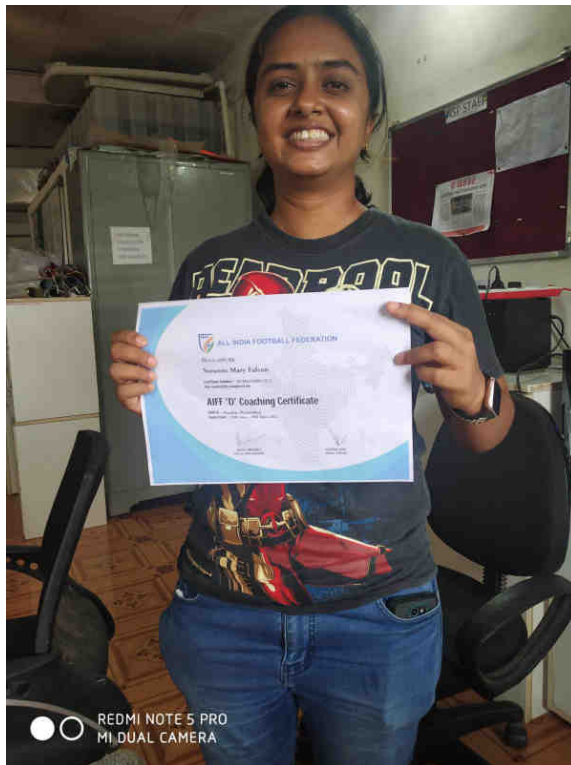




News from India



Exam Success in Mumbai!



Congratulations to Coach Suzanne in Mumbai on successfully gaining her Level D License Coaching Certificate.

This is a huge achievement and the result of a lot of hard work.

Suzanne shared that getting her D License is a dream come true and she is delighted to have gained this knowledge and qualification.

We are excited to see how she will implement her new skills and the impact it will have on the players in our Mumbai teams.

Well done, Suzanne. We are all really proud of you!

Programme Restart in Bangalore

After being on hold for a long time the football programme in Bangalore has now been redesigned and restarted!

Edwin has joined Oasis as a football coach and has been helping the Bangalore programme to get up and running again.



Over the last 3 months, 25 young people have joined and are taking part in the regular football practices, and since April they have taken part in 3 tournaments and played in 5 friendly matches.

Football kits and boots have been purchased for the new players and Edwin has met with our coaches in Chennai to gain some valuable insight and experience from the football programme there.

Welcome to the team Edwin and we look forward to seeing how the programme in Bangalore continues to develop.





Footballing Farmers in Uganda



Players in the Beersheba FC under 12s have been continuing their training as part of the Young Farmers Club. They have been growing maize and sukumawiki (a fast-growing nutritious vegetable) in both the project gardens and their family gardens.

“The programme is helping the boys to develop important social skills as well as their farming skills. That have learnt about being patience, having empathy, and how to be good communicators. They have learnt respect for others and how to embrace and include others and have developed self-confidence and trust. This has been further demonstrated through how they have reacted to situations that have arisen in their football activities. They are more accepting and understanding of each other and have developed a great sense of teamwork and togetherness.”

During our home visits, we visited the maize gardens they have worked on with their families (see pictures below.) Their parents noted during our visits how the boys are hardworking and productive as a result of the knowledge and skills they are acquiring at the Young Farmers Club.”



- Fred Majeli (FFL Coordinator, Uganda)



“I didn’t have a lot of knowledge about preparing a nursery bed but because of the training, I’m now able to make the appropriate measurements, make planting lines, apply the seeds and cover with small fine soils.

I am able to irrigate my seedlings on the nursery bed during hot seasons and when they’re ready for transplanting, I can transplant them without damaging their roots. These methods and skills on modern farming are important to us children, we shall use them now and in future.”

- Ibra





BFC Savings Groups

The Beersheba FC Savings Groups have been greatly impacted by high inflation, rising fuel and food prices and a lack of employment opportunities.

However, the boys have still managed to save a total of **339,000 Ugandan Shillings (UGX) (£73)** in the second quarter of 2022.

This total amount is broken down as follows:

Under 12s - 50,000 UGX, Under 14s - 75,000 UGX, Under 16s - 54,000 UGX, Seniors - 160,000 UGX.

The groups continue to meet every week at the end of their football training sessions, and share financial issues as well as many other social skills, life skills, and experiences.

"I have so far saved 3,200 UGX. I get this money from my neighbours after helping them to plant grass in their compounds. I also get some money from my grandmother whom I help to sell avocados and she gives me some small money.



This year our parents are finding it hard to raise money for even basic needs at home which makes it harder for us to save regularly as in the past."

- Fatah, Under 12s.

Severe Floods in Mbale




Heavy rainfall in Uganda has caused rivers to burst their banks and severe flooding across Mbale, where the Beersheba Football Club is based.

A number of people in the area have died and many have lost their homes and livelihood.

Thankfully, staff, coaches, and players of BFC are all reported safe, and the boys have been checking on their friends and community members.



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