

The Oasis logo is located in the top left corner, featuring the word "Oasis" in a white, sans-serif font inside an orange parallelogram with a white border. The background of the entire poster is a vibrant orange with a pattern of small white dots. A large, dark red, wavy shape on the left side contains the logo. A dashed line with a butterfly at the end starts from the top center and curves towards the right, ending near the "About Oasis India" header. A white arrow points upwards from the bottom right towards the text area.

Oasis

About **Oasis India**

Our work began in the slums of Mumbai in 1993, helping the youth and children living in Kandivali railway station and providing skills development for women in a slum near Bandra. Now we have our presence across 6 states in India - Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Assam and Manipur. Through the years, we have focussed on preventing human trafficking and other forms of violence against women and children, assisting each person to flourish in the context of their community.



Making India Better
for Women & Children

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Six Core Areas of Our Work

PREVENTION

The International Labour Organisation estimates that there are 40.3 million victims of human trafficking globally. Official statistics were that 20,000 women and children were victims of human trafficking in India in 2016 (NCRB) but the total is probably much greater than that figure. Many fall prey to trafficking simply because of their lack of awareness. That is one of the reasons why we have anti-human trafficking as our key focus.

At Oasis, one of the things we do is provide night shelters for the children of sex workers living in high-risk areas to protect them from becoming victims of trafficking or abuse.

We also create awareness of trafficking and how to spot trafficking signs through our community vigilance groups (CVGs). Individuals from across our programmes share information in local schools and communities through street theatre on the menacing reality of trafficking. Our early encounter team in Mumbai rescue children before they are sold and repatriate them back with their families.



3000+

people learn about
human trafficking
through awareness
programmes every year



*CVG members during
a street theatre
performance at Basin
Bridge, Chennai.*





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EDUCATION

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India is home to the largest population of illiterate adults in the world – 287 million, amounting to 37% of the global total (UNESCO). Many children in India lack access to education or are unable to continue their studies for several reasons. Illiteracy becomes generational when it is not addressed whereas education is a great catalyst for building up agents of change in a society. To break the negative cycle, we provide supplementary educational support through activity-based learning in our after-school programme (ASP). The ASP module is specially designed to help children attain holistic development through life skills. We counsel dropouts to rejoin regular schools. Children in our ASPs are also part of the mentoring programme, a volunteering opportunity for individuals to mentor a child, creating a safe space with positive role models for vulnerable children.

*After-school programme
for children*



500+

children benefit
from Oasis'
Education programmes
every year



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COMMUNITY

India, with its population of 1.3 billion people, now has 5 percent of its population living in extreme poverty, according to the World Poverty Clock. Sustainable development is the only way to eradicate this issue. To accomplish this, we work with families in communities, empowering them with various opportunities to improve their standard of living. One of those opportunities is the self-help group (SHG) where women and men are part of a monthly savings scheme and are given loans when needed. These groups also have opportunities to start businesses of their own which, greatly improves their standard of living.

We also work with farmers in and around Punganur, Andhra Pradesh to help them adapt to organic farming, something that is crucial in a country and area where agriculture is the principal means of livelihood (IBEF).

In all these groups, our ultimate goal is to create change agents who will take up the responsibility of addressing issues in their community themselves.

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150+

members are on a journey to transform themselves & those around them every year

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*Saritha, 37
who has
adapted to
organic farming*





*Tailoring programme,
a 6-month course*



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SKILL DEVELOPMENT



Most girls and women are sold into prostitution at such a young age that they are unaware of other employment opportunities and hence are unable to leave the red-light area. According to the International Labour Organisation, one-quarter of all trafficking victims i.e 10 million persons in all – were children. Empowering them with a skill gives them a head start to begin a new life. We run courses in tailoring, hair styling, baking and jewellery-making which enable them to start their own small-scale businesses. Pimps from the red-light area are also linked with alternative employment avenues so that they can become financially stable. In other communities we offer an employment-readiness programme, training women and youth in English and computer skills to prepare them for a variety of work opportunities.



300+



individuals benefit from
Oasis' employment-readiness
and skills development
programmes every year

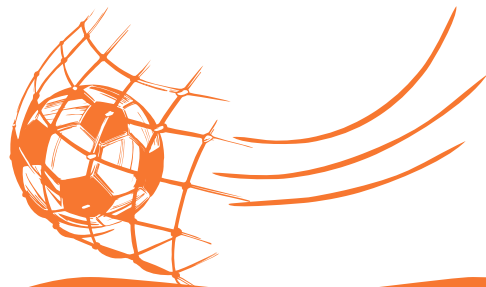




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SPORTS

Sports serves as a great mirror to life. Many young children from low-income families as well as children of commercial sex workers are part of our sports programme. Some are prone to adopting harmful behaviours like substance abuse, participation in crimes, dropping out of school etc. We use sport as a method to teach them discipline, behaviour, fitness and nutrition. While instilling discipline through other means is often challenging, sport has been an effective medium of connection. Children show major improvements in behaviour and character as they imbibe life skills through activity-based learning and sessions on the field. Positive reinforcement plays a huge role in enabling them to perform better, both on the field and in their personal lives.



300+

children & adolescents
are formally trained
in sports every year



*Football practice session at
Basin Bridge, Chennai*





*Ba1 Hairstyling course
for women in Mumbai*



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REHAB

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For women who decide to step outside of the red-light area or are rescued by the Police, we provide a total care programme at our residential home on the outskirts of Mumbai. That includes food, clothing and all the essentials they need alongside a comprehensive counselling, education and training programme to help them overcome their trauma and be able to re-integrate into a long-term stable living situation. We assist women to become self-sustainable so that they can leap into the world with confidence and skills. A few are able to go back to their families but the majority first move into a group home which we oversee from a distance and from there into independent living.

150+

individuals are
offered counselling
services every year

25+

women are
part of the
rehab programme
every year

25+

children are
given safe shelter
every night



Where we work



Chennai

Kalyanapuram



Kannagi Nagar



Mumbai

Kalwa



Nalasopora



Kamathipura



Grant Road



Naigaon Training



Nirmal Bhavan



Bangalore

Hallegudaadhalli



Manipur

Churachandpur



Who we are purpose

We work to prevent human trafficking and other forms of violence & abuse against women and children, and assist each person to flourish in the context of their community.

mission

We are committed to working in an inclusive, integrated, empowering and comprehensive way so that all people experience wholeness and fullness of life.

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