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Bangalore Boys Back in Business!



After a long period without activities, the football programme in Bangalore, India, is now going strong.

Nineteen boys are now regularly attending daily practices and have a growing passion and commitment to the programme.

Four boys have been selected to play in the Karnataka Youth League. This is a great achievement, and they have been fully supported by Oasis India and the team in Bangalore.

At the end of last year, volunteers from Goldman Sachs visited the project and spent time with the football players. They shared some tips and teaching about nutrition and talked about the importance of sports and daily fitness.



The boys played in a special practice match to celebrate nutrition day, under the theme of “Nurturing Healthy Children”, and have been registered to play in the BANGALORE SOCCER CUP. Both the Senior and Junior teams will be taking part in the tournament.

At the end of December, the year of end party took place, with special guests, gifts, and snacks. This is always a great time to celebrate together and to continue to build strong bonds amongst the young people.

New football kits and training resources have been purchased, including football nets and footballs, as the programme continues to grow and take shape. The coaches, staff and players are delighted with the way the programme is developing now after a period of inactivity due to funding and staffing issues.





News from Uganda



Triumph for Beersheba FC

Huge congratulations to the Beersheba FC under 12s who lifted the trophy in the Mbale Juniors Tournament in Uganda.

The boys impressed throughout the tournament and were commended for their style of play, attitude, and discipline.



Congratulations too to Coach Ashim, who was awarded a certificate for being the best coach.

In the under 9s category our boys lost in the final, but reaching there was another great achievement.

Well done boys and well done to all the coaches.



Visitors to Beersheba!

The Beersheba Football Club were recently delighted to receive a visit from some of the staff of Oasis Academy Hadley in UK. The team from the UK carried out teaching and training sessions and the boys loved having them around.

Thanks Oasis Academy Hadley!





Farming Footballers Graduate!



Players in the Beersheba FC under 12s completed their Young Farmers programme and graduated at the end of December 2022.

The mission of the Young Farmers Club is to understand the benefits of agriculture and to help the boys develop relevant skills to farm effectively. Through the programme, they have learnt all aspects of organic farming, from preparing the land, to planting, weeding, fertilizing and harvesting. The boys have grown various crops, including, green-leaf vegetables, beans, maize, and tomatoes, and the programme has had a tremendous impact on them, their families, and the wider community. Food produced has been eaten at home with their families or sold to buy pens, pencils, and books for school.

Away from the training garden on the project site, the boys have also grown vegetables on small plots of land in their backyards and in their family gardens.

They have also developed great social skills and have grown together as very strong team of farmers, with increased self-esteem and self-confidence. Furthermore, through socialising and working together, they have grown to appreciate that each of them is gifted in different ways, and that they need one another.



“Farming is a good because we get food but also get income to help us buy essential things like scholastic materials. We planted our vegetables which we harvested and then sold. From the money we got from the sales, we bought pens to use at school.

We also took some of the vegetables home to share with our families. This makes me so happy and determined to continue embracing farming.”

- Mubarak



Not Only the Goalkeepers Save!



The Beersheba FC Savings Group completed its latest cycle at the end of 2023.

A total of UGX 433,000 (£96) was saved by members of the four saving groups in a period from April to December 2022. This is a significant amount given the severe financial challenges the community faced throughout the year. Each member received their savings and were able to use their money for the goals they had set at the start of the year.

The project has continued to support the boys to live independent and self-reliant life in the future, to be able to support their families, and to contribute positively to the development of their wider community.

The project has also helped to instil a teamwork mentality in the boys. The most effective teamwork happens when individuals harmonise their efforts and work toward a common goal, and the project has demonstrated this.

The Beersheba Football Club recognises that interpersonal relationships are developed through group activities where there is recognition of abilities and limitations through role assignment, teamwork, and an understanding of the ability and achievement of others. Participation in savings groups has naturally developed their mind-set and attitude.




“Saving my money with the savings group has helped me achieve a lot of things. The little money I saved with Beersheba FC each week eventually accumulated to the amount I wanted at the end of the cycle. Goal setting enabled me save money for particular things, especially household items.

For me, each year I set specific goals to achieve at the end of the cycle; this is an important principle when saving. Goals helped motivate me to save more and consistently so I could achieve what I desired in a set period of time.”

- Muhammad, Senior Team.



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