



Dear all,

Can you believe we are at the end of January 2022? We are so grateful for the support we received from you in 2021. Here are some of our beneficiaries narrating how you have helped them through last year.



"I got married at a very young age. My husband and I have 8 children. Due to financial constraints, I was not able to go to the hospital for routine check-ups or for the delivery of our children. This has greatly affected my health. My husband and I work odd jobs that are available but our income is not enough to feed our family of 10. So we had to resort to taking our elder daughter out of school and we sent her for work. The other children study in a government school at Songpi village in Churachandpur, Manipur. From time to time, if we needed more money, we would let our children skip school to go for work. Their studies were affected because of this. Whenever our children did go to school, they were very lethargic and negligent towards their studies.

During these tough times is when Oasis India conducted awareness programmes at Songpi village. They did programmes on 'the importance of education' and on 'the importance of family planning'. Since attending these sessions, my perception on children's education has changed. I stopped sending them for work and sent them to school regularly. Letminkai, my second son, studying in 6th standard has joined Oasis India's after-school programme (ASP). We have seen him improve a lot in his academics since. He has become very responsible and has started studying so well. He asks a lot of questions about his lessons to his tutors every day. Letminkai even secured the first rank in his class! This makes me so happy."

THANK YOU FOR CHANGING OUR LIVES

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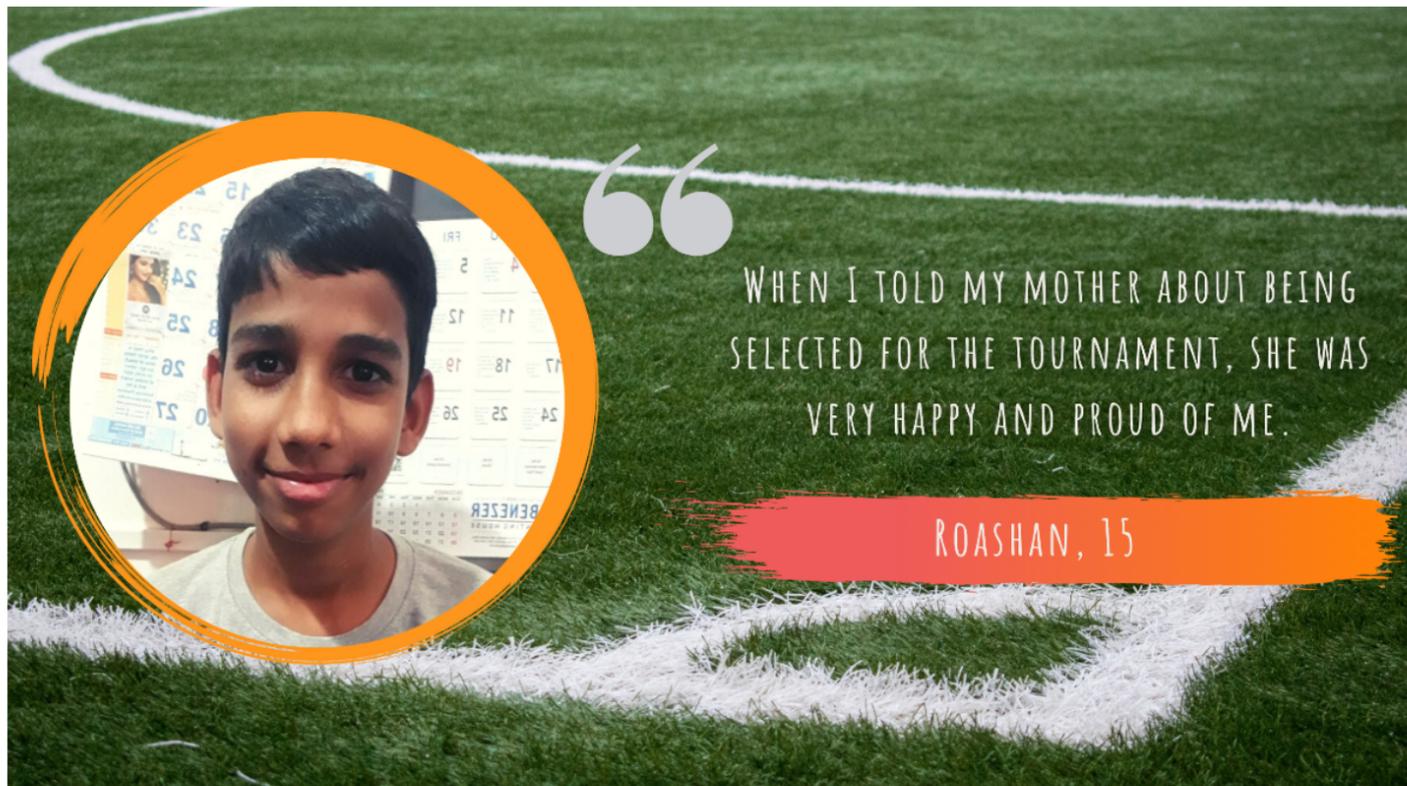
HASEENA AT WORK!

I have been a part of Oasis India's vocational tailoring programme in Hallegudadhahalli, Bangalore. Before joining the tailoring classes, I was taking care of my family and the daily household chores. Since my husband is a tailor, he encouraged me to take up tailoring classes at Oasis. After joining the course, I learnt to stitch clothes perfectly. With the help of my husband, I started taking orders too! My husband brings orders from the community and I earn INR 5000 every month through this.

Joining the course at Oasis India has empowered me with many new skills. I not only learnt tailoring, I also learnt how to bake a cake, make bangles and door mats. All of these skills help me generate income in a small way. Today, I help my husband with his small tailoring shop. We run it together and it has become a great financial boost for our family. I felt very confident and realised that my opportunities are boundless. So I joined a fashion designing course and I am learning different patterns, designs and ideas. I plan on opening a boutique where I can train other women from our community in tailoring as well!

THANK YOU FOR EMPOWERING ME.

Haseena



Fifteen-year-old Roashan from Nallasopara, in Mumbai, shares about the impact the football programme has had on his life

“I had no idea about football before but after joining Oasis India's sports programme, I have learned many new techniques like controlling the ball, passing and heading, and the positions of players. Besides football, I have also learnt lots of life skills like respecting everyone, teamwork, honesty, self-esteem, and punctuality. I have started eating healthy food and have learnt to control my anger. I now take conscious effort to spend time with my brother and sister, and I help my mother and sister in doing housework too!

I go regularly for my club practices and If I make a mistake while practicing, my coaches encourage me to do better. When I played my first match, I was both nervous and excited! I played with the elder boys; so they guided me during the game. We won that match and I was very happy that I played with them. This built my confidence greatly.

When the club selected me for the Palghar District Football Associate (PDFA) tournament, I was very excited! I told my mother about this and she was very proud of me. This is a big tournament, so I have started practicing very hard.”



COACH KAVI AND COACH GANESH ARE THE REASON FOR WHO I AM TODAY. I HAVE HAD SO MANY WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES IN THIS SPORTS PROGRAMME AND WITH MY FRIENDS BUT THE MOMENTS THAT I WILL REMEMBER FOREVER IS WHEN WE ALL TRAVELLED TO YELAGIRI FOR MUKTHI BIKE CHALLENGE 2021.

MUKESH, 16

My mother was a part of Oasis India's vocational tailoring course in Basin Bridge, Chennai and here, she heard about the football programme for boys! She spoke to Coach Kavi and enrolled me in it. I have been a part of the football team for the past 4 years.

I love coming for practice every day and learning new skills. I used sit at home and while away my time before but after joining the sports programme, I have become very active and fit. My favourite part of the practice sessions is the match that we have towards the end of each day. My sports team plays so well and we have never lost a match!

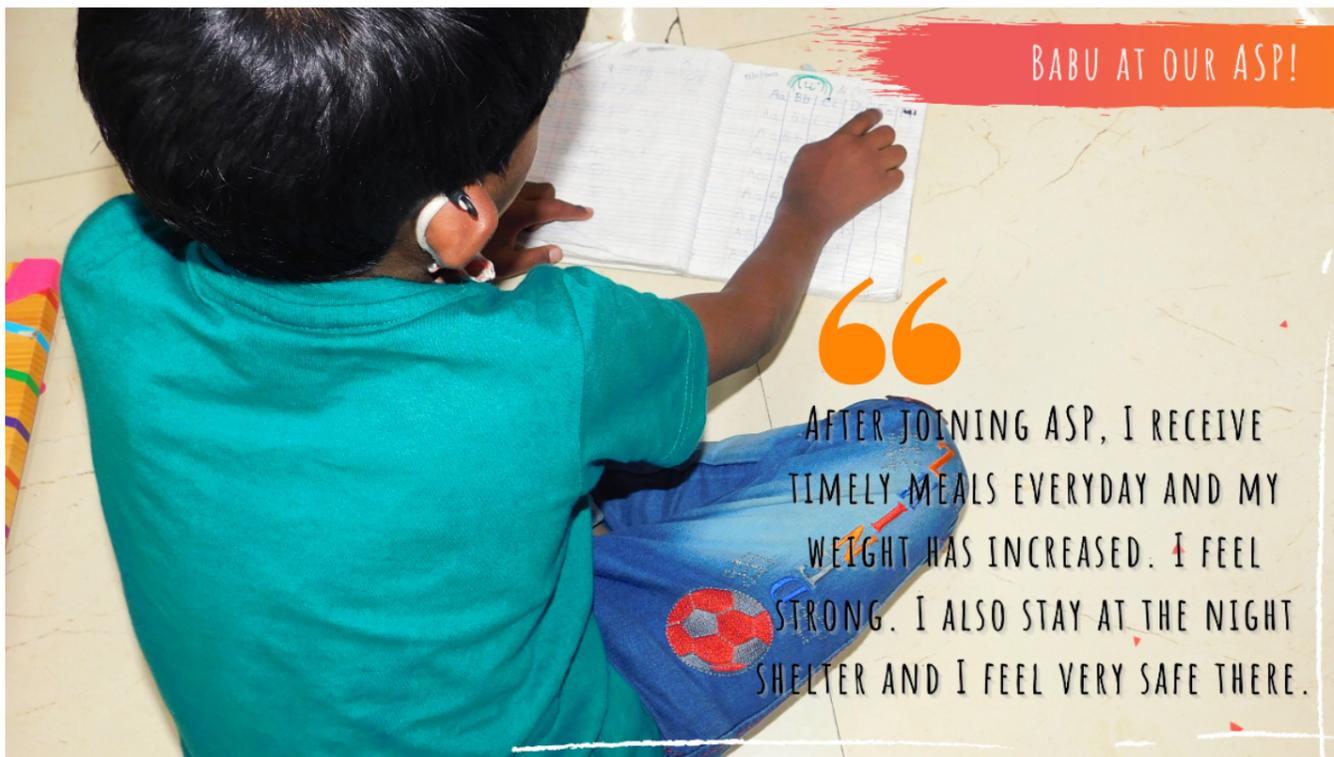
I see a lot of difference in myself since joining the sports programme. The coaches teach me how to be disciplined and to be more focused on my work. I am so grateful for all of these lessons. Coach Kavi and Coach Ganesh are the reason for who I am today.

I have had so many wonderful experiences in this sports programme and with my friends but the moment that I will remember forever is when we all travelled to Yelagiri for Mukthi Bike Challenge 2021. We had so much fun practicing street plays, putting up awareness sessions on the roads and spending time together in the dorms! I will carry the lessons I learnt about working as a team and the experiences I had here for life.

Oasis has helped me to dream big. I have witnessed people in my community and at home, not being respected by others. They are treated badly and are taken advantage of. So I want to become a Police Officer and earn the respect of everyone around me. I know my fitness and life skills training in the sports programme is a stepping stone for that.

THANK YOU FOR THE MEMORIES

Mukesh, 16



My name is Babu*. I am 8 years old. I live in Kamathipura, Mumbai with my mother. I joined Oasis India's after-school programme (ASP) last year. We do not have enough money at home to eat good food; so we eat whatever we can afford. But since joining ASP, I have received timely meals everyday and my weight has increased too! I feel strong. I also stay at the night shelter and I feel very safe there.

I love coming to the ASP classes every day! It is my favourite part of the day when I get to be with my friends. I have also learnt many life skills on respect, personal safety, being helpful, honesty and many more! I also learnt to play my favourite game, carom board, at Oasis.

At ASP, I am also able to talk to the staff about what I feel. It makes me feel better.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING ME SAFE

Babu, 8



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