

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19



Oasis

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*Year Of  
Making India Better  
For Women & Children*

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## From our Executive Director

This year's note is a special one to write, as we are celebrating not just another year, but a milestone year. We are celebrating 25 years of Oasis India – that is 25 years of building communities, preventing trafficking, violence, exploitation, and creating agents of change. This has been a time to remember all those who have passed through the doors of our offices and hubs – whether as staff, students, trainees, mentors, volunteers, donors, board members, partners and the ever increasing list of individual givers. Each of them have played their part in our sustainable growth, and the outcomes outlined in these pages are an indicator of the future growth prospects of this organisation.

As we commemorate Oasis India's Silver Jubilee, we are running a campaign to raise funds for a Training & Enterprise Centre for women in Mumbai. In this centre, women who were formerly trafficked as well as those from the communities will be trained in baking and hairdressing. Since the facility will be set up in a shop front location, trainees will also be coached in serving customers. This will enable women to find employment and be financially empowered.

Along with this, we will have a social enterprise where women will sell products they make. The income from this enterprise will push the centre to move towards financial sustainability.

For making it possible for us to even dream of such a huge venture, I thank you sincerely.

Grace and Peace,

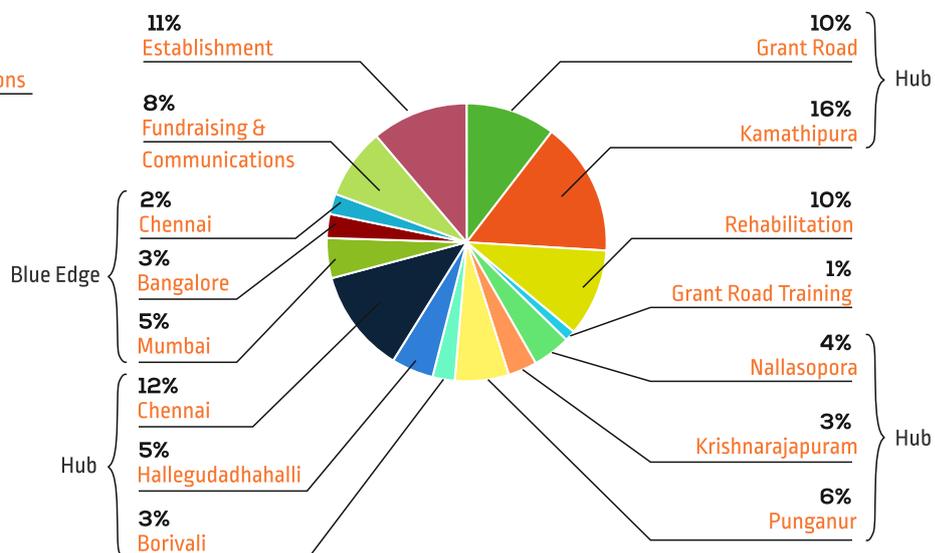
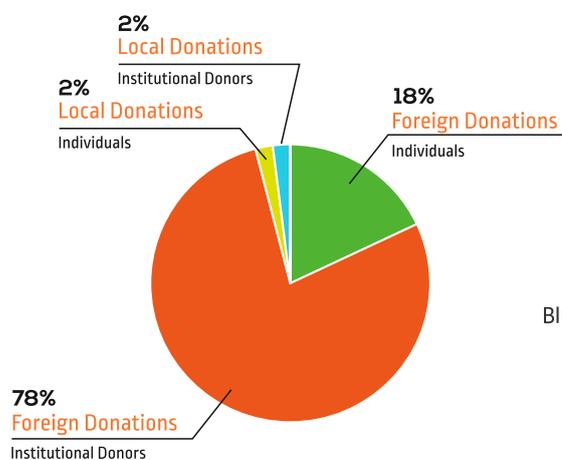
**Mangneo Lungdim**

Executive Director, Oasis India

### INCOME

### YEAR IN A GLANCE

### EXPENSE





## From our Chairman

We are here because in the last 25 years our supporters have given sacrificially and staff have worked tirelessly towards transforming the communities we have worked in. We are never to underestimate the power of a small action as it causes a ripple effect that influences and affects the life and actions of many others. As we celebrate this year, we look back at our journey and are grateful for so many like you who have contributed to this ripple effect.

The biggest accomplishment for us is to see our communities and individuals within those communities become self-sustainable. We have had programmes that have helped people not just come out of enslavement but overcome poverty and financial instability by enabling them with skills and resources and a deep sense of hope. That is why sustainability is the underlying foundation for us at Oasis India. Together we will continue to remain committed to making India better for women and children.

### **Ezhil Christadoss**

Chairman, Committee of Management  
Oasis India





# Miles to go before we are free

Our Mukthi Bike Challenge (MBC) 2018 was a journey to remember! A group of 17 bikers from India as well as overseas, rode just under 2000 kilometres along a key trafficking route from Bangalore to Mumbai. They were accompanied by street theater teams from Mumbai and Christ University, Bangalore which performed in many public places. There was huge media coverage both nationally and regionally.

The highlight of this event was our very own change agents from Hallegudadahalli, Bangalore who led a rally of over 600 students in Mysore and performed a street play on human trafficking.

This is the vision of Oasis India coming true.



MBC was one of the most beautiful experiences. The journey itself was a great opportunity. During this trip, I learnt a lot about leadership, interacting with the public, how to contribute to society and to raise our voice against social issues. On a personal note, I am now more confident than before as I have realised the potential that is there in me and that I can rise up to any occasion.

**Umme Aliye, 18**  
Change Agent





## Rehab

Providing after-care and livelihood training for sex workers

When Tasleem's\* husband left her, she was trafficked into Mumbai's red-light area (RLA) at the age of 20. She remarried but that ended tragically too. Tasleem and her three children left for Kolkata where she sought her mother's help to take care of her children. But after struggling to fend for her family there, Tasleem and her daughter, Zaiba\* came back to the RLA to make a living.

Kamathipura is a high-risk area for vulnerable children as they are prone to abuse. Tasleem feared for her daughter's safety and sent her to our night shelter – where women and children from the RLA can spend the night in a safe and clean place.

After months of counselling, Tasleem moved out of the RLA and decided to change her life for her children. She joined the six-month vocational tailoring course in Borivali. She also stayed with her daughter in the night shelter. She now has a tailoring job and lives in a rented house! Women like Tasleem receive holistic development at Oasis and it helps them turn their life around.

\*names changed

20

women from the red-light areas were part of our rehabilitation centre, Nirmal Bhavan

6

women from Nirmal Bhavan were trained in hairdressing and tailoring



## Prevention

Creating awareness on human trafficking & providing early intervention

Rakesh\* came to Mumbai looking for his lost brother, only to find that his brother was working as a pimp in the red-light area (RLA). Rakesh had to work to support his family back in Jharkhand but was unable to find a job, so he also resorted to involvement in the sex trade. Rakesh wanted to change his life but his job as a pimp gave him good money. During the time that his mind was torn between money and his conscience, Rakesh found us. He found solace talking to our staff at the drop-in center where they counselled him and spoke to him about trafficking. He vowed to change his life, so Rakesh started studying through the National Institute of Open Schooling. Throughout his struggle to leave the RLA, he also reached out to other pimps like him. He brought young people to outreach events organised by us. Rakesh finally left the RLA for good. He is now married and is working as a lorry driver.

\*name changed

30

vulnerable children made use of the night shelter

2223

people learnt about human trafficking through awareness programmes (street plays)

542

new relationships were built with women and pimps in Mumbai's red-light areas

26

women and pimps left the sex trade

73

children at-risk were rescued and reunited with their families



### Skill Development

Helping women and youth acquire skills for better livelihood opportunities

After 12 years of marriage, Saraswathi found out about her husband's two-year affair. She begged him to take her back but he decided to leave her and their two children. Saraswathi battled life every day as she wanted to give her children everything that she did not have growing up. With the help of her mother, she joined Oasis India's six-month vocational tailoring course and graduated in Chennai. She now has her own sewing machine and takes orders to stitch blouses and chudidhars. She uses the money for her children's education and daily expenses.

<p><b>99</b> people were placed in jobs</p>	<p><b>204</b> young people honed their English and computer skills</p>	<p><b>361</b> women acquired vocational skills</p>
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### Community

Creating Agents of Change

With an unsupportive husband and deep in poverty, Laxmi needed a break-through. When she came to us in Mumbai, we helped her start a small-scale business of making belt buckles at home, with which she earns INR 5000 every month. Since then, Laxmi regularly attends health awareness and life skill sessions where she learns about balanced diet, safe food handling, methods of cooking etc. She also helps to organise mass awareness rallies every year.

Laxmi not only changed her family's circumstance, she played a vital role in transforming the community. She took up an initiative along with a human rights group to approach the Municipal Corporation office to improve the drinking water facility in her neighbourhood. She has become a local hero for taking up the cause. Laxmi's son has now taken after her, by helping the children in his locality with their studies.



<p><b>2483</b> people participated in health awareness sessions</p>	<p><b>99</b> people received specialised health training</p>
<p><b>135</b> individuals received access to healthcare services</p>	<p><b>231</b> people were linked to government benefits and schemes</p>
<p><b>328</b> people were helped through counselling services</p>	<p><b>30</b> men and women have formed 3 self-help groups that has helped them financially and socially</p>
<p><b>64</b> people were referred to other NGOs for services</p>	<p><b>5</b> farmers were supported to shift to organic farming in Punganur</p>
<p><b>17</b> groups with over 263 children between the ages of 14-18 met regularly to discuss local and socially relevant issues</p>	



## Education

Providing holistic education for children

15 years old and living in a high-risk area, Rahul\* struggled to fit in with the other teens around him. His mother, a sex worker in Kamathipura often found him involved in crimes, loitering and being irregular to school. When Rahul was held back in the ninth grade, she could not keep quiet anymore, and after meeting Oasis staff, she began sending Rahul to our day-care centre. With good influence and consistent counselling, he has been able to get back on track in school and is not so vulnerable to the negative influences around him.

\*name changed

406

children received educational and soft skills support through after-school programme

54

children who dropped out of school were linked to opportunities to continue their education

485

children were engaged through summer camps and vacation activities



## Sports

An opportunity for self-expression and growth

Hari, 17 years old, has been a part of our Chennai football programme for the past four years. When he and his mother were physically abused by his father, who struggles with alcoholism, sports enabled him to channel his frustrations in a positive way. He showed major improvements in behaviour and character after attending activity-based learning and life-skill sessions during practice. Positive reinforcement plays a huge role in dealing with individuals like Hari. Appreciation and constructive feedback are great tools that enables them to perform better, both on the field and in their personal lives.

259

children and youth were formally trained in volleyball, football & cricket

10

girls were formally trained in football in Kamathipura, Mumbai

# Where we Work

## Bengaluru

Hallegudadhahalli  
Krishnarajapuram

## Punganur

10 Surrounding villages

## Chennai

Basin Bridge  
Kannigapuram  
Kannagi Nagar

## Mumbai

Bandra  
Grant Road  
Kamathipura  
Nallasopora

## Head Office

Amazing Grace, Flat No 201, 2nd Floor,  
3rd "D" Main Ramaiah Layout, Opp. To BBMP Kuvempu Park,  
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## New <sup>2019</sup> Initiatives

Night Shelter for boys in Kamathipura

Kannagi Nagar Hub in Chennai

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**₹500**  
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Restore, Empower & Enable

by contributing just  
Rs. 500 every month.

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to know more.

