Monitoring, Evaluation and Impact Assessment

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Dear Partners and Friends of YDF,

Monitoring and evaluating the GIZ/YDF programme has been complex owing to the delivery of diverse programmes and the depth of community involvement across a spectrum of government, civil society and corporate stakeholders, including global, regional, in-country and local networks. At a recent International Sport Sociology Conference in Havana, international scholars expressed their appreciation for the innovative approach, the comparable data generated across ten African countries and for the analysis of network dynamics. Three-monthly progress reports reflected on four result areas with 44 indicators.

The strategic approach for monitoring and evaluation is based on the reporting of more tangible outcomes through ‘Indicator Monitoring Scores’, ensuring that all stakeholders deliver collaboratively on the pre-determined indicators and benchmarks. By 1 July 2011, 80,895 participants between the ages of 7 and 25 had directly benefited from and participated in YDF programmes. 42,119 participants had benefited indirectly, with an additional multiplier effect of 727 toolkit trainees’ also implementing multiple programmes.

In addition to the ‘Outcome Monitoring’ of the reports submitted by partners, an extensive impact assessment was conducted through site visits to Botswana, Lesotho, South Africa, Kenya, Namibia, Zambia and Rwanda, with interviewees and focus-group participants also hailing from Ghana, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This data was interpreted to establish the ‘Most Significant Changes’ on qualitative indicators that focus on human and social development – the less tangible outcomes.

A mixed-method approach was followed, whereby a total of 931 questionnaires were completed, 302 individuals participated in 31 focus groups, and 158 people were interviewed. 48 comprehensive case studies were compiled that provided rich texts of experiences, expectations and social world realities of recipients as ‘voices from the field’.

For participants, life-skills sessions were included in football training and events became a cathartic tool that impacted on their values, behaviour and relationships. Behavioural changes mainly relate to significant improvements in the areas of self-efficacy, self-esteem, assertiveness, positive coping mechanisms and resilience in contexts of poverty and adversity (such as in the aftermath of the Rwanda genocide). Bonding among peer educators and with participants contributed to meaningful interconnectedness essential for social capital within otherwise highly fragmented communities. Major inroads have been made in the reduction of social distance (in terms of gender equality), more balanced power relations, in the networking that takes place between NGOs and in the development of local leadership, particularly among the volunteer coaches and the youth leaders.

The GIZ/YDF methodology and philosophy of youth empowerment were absorbed in various governmental policy documents and in all NGO partners’ strategic documents. The conceptual framework, training, resource development and leadership contributed to the development of the institutional capacity and improved staff competencies of NGOs for the enhanced delivery of sport-for-development programmes. Some of the NGOs contributed to the development of resource material such as the Water and Sanitation Initiative in Zambia. Some challenges remain with regard both to ensuring the long-term sustainability of NGOs and that the youth, as the ‘drivers’ of sport-for-development programmes, becomes more employable within and outside the various sports industries. Intersectional linkage (civic, government and corporate sectors) presents another challenge for GIZ/YDF in its capacity as an influential mediator with an objective to leave a lasting footprint in Africa.

Despite these and other challenges, the continuous revision of the M&E system and the indicators in order to better depict the contextual realities indicates the maturity and responsiveness of the GIZ/YDF leadership.
Deputy Minister calls for prolongation of YDF project

Gert C. Oosthuizen emphasises YDF's power for development

Pretoria, 17 May 2011. A reception hosted on 5 May by the Deputy Minister of Sport and Recreation South Africa (SRSA), Gert C. Oosthuizen, once again showed the extent of the government's appreciation of its partnership with the Youth Development through Football (YDF) project. The event took place on the occasion of the visit of a delegation to assess the performance of YDF. The Commission's review and recommendations will play a key role in the decision of whether or not the project will continue beyond the current ending of June 2012.

'The support YDF is providing to civil society within the context of our Mass Participation Programme cannot be overemphasised,' explained the Deputy Minister in his address to the Evaluation Commission and the guests, including, among others, German Ambassador Dieter W. Haller and Patrick Simonnet from the Delegation of the European Commission to South Africa. Oosthuizen continued by stating: 'The South African Government is distinctly dedicated to the promotion of youth development. We evidently hold in high regard the efforts of the Youth Development through Football project, implemented in partnership with GIZ, and I would be extremely happy on behalf of my country and my Department if we could make certain that this glorious programme continues at least until 2015.'

The German Ambassador also clearly pointed out the outstanding performance that YDF has been delivering in the development of the social sector by calling it a 'landmark project'. He perceives YDF as an excellent approach that uses the vehicle of football to drive and support social transformation – rather than simply as a sports project. 'YDF is educational, it is participative, it is inclusive,' said Haller, who concluded his address with a clear message: 'If I was asked – and the Minister knows my stance on that – I would strongly recommend that YDF be continued.'
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Strengthening ties in Kenya

Interview with Festus Juma, YDF Kenya Network Coordinator

Oyugis Kenya, 6 June 2011. In 2010, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) has commissioned Streetfootballworld with the implementation of the YDF country programme in Kenya. For the second year now, the social-profit organisation brings together relevant actors in the field of development through football. We asked the coordinator of the YDF/Streetfootballworld Network in Kenya, Festus Juma, about the challenges and activities of the partner NGOs, the reasons behind the network approach and upcoming events.

What role does football play in Kenya?

Football is by far the most popular sport in Kenya; it is one of the most meaningful leisure activities. In recent years, the perception has shifted from viewing football merely as a sport activity to regarding it as a means of community development. Football is now widely used as a tool for improving health conditions, giving support to the young population and empowering girls and women.

What are the social challenges that the member organisations of the YDF Kenya Network face, especially in your country?

Apart from HIV/AIDS, which is a major concern all over our continent, Kenya in particular experiences high levels of discrimination of the female population. Compared to the possibilities of boys, girls don’t have equal chances and have limited access to education. The YDF partner Moving the Goalposts Kilifi (MTG) focuses on this issue, offering, for example, workshops on body development and family planning. Food security is another topic that is important in the Kenyan context. Especially to the rural population, sufficient food supply is a challenge. The Society Empowerment Project (SEP) includes agricultural training in its football activities. While our Nairobi-based member organisation Vijana Amani Pamoja (VAP) is highly involved in fighting tuberculosis through awareness-raising in the communities, Mathare Youth Sports Association (MYSA) works in many fields including youth leadership, female empowerment and HIV and TB prevention.

Why is networking so important? What are the benefits in Kenya?

The network approach is a noble idea bringing together people and creating synergies. It fosters the development of skills and expertise. By using our very effective communication system, we can offer local consultancy. By meeting up with other organisations that are involved in Sport for Development, we can improve our understanding, share our experiences in working with young people and increase the chance to attain our objectives.

What activities have taken place so far in 2011 with the YDF Kenya Network?

In April, MYSA organised the Mathare Youth Girls Tournament in Nairobi in which over 91 teams and 1500 players participated. MTG conducted a YDF training for coaches in Kilifi and in March the YDF Network ran a tool kit coach workshop and leadership training in Nairobi. Until today, 36 instructors and coaches in Kenya have been trained with the YDF Toolkit.

What has been the impact of implementing the YDF project in Kenya?

The coach trainings have been very successful and they are in great demand. We feel very confident with our football programmes through which we have been able to foster the skills empowerment for youth. Our network has improved the interrelationships between members; if an event takes place, the other partners are also included and contribute to the success. We think that the continuation of the YDF programme in Kenya is very important for the youth in this country.

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Festus Juma, YDF Kenya Network Coordinator.
Finals of the Mamelodi 8 League mark the highlight of an exciting season

Mamelodi, 13 June 2011. The final games of the Mamelodi 8 League took place on 9 June at the Stanza Bopape sports ground in Mamelodi. At the end of the season, six teams – all six representing different schools – qualified to play a decisive match for winning the title in the three categories: 11-a-side Girls, 11-a-side Boys and 5-a-side Mixed. Besides playing for the golden trophy, the teams also competed for the honour of being the best team in terms of fair play.

It was a chilly day in Mamelodi, but the boys and girls of the participating teams were on fire, ready to showcase their soccer skills and win the league. Every school brought its supporting crowd which cheered, sang and danced, creating a fantastic setting for this season’s finals. The first match saw Bula Dikgoro facing Emasangweni in the 11-a-side Girls category. The supporters witnessed an exciting game in which Bula Dikgoro scored one goal before half-time. In the second half, Bula Dikgoro scored two more goals while Emasangweni celebrated once, leaving the final score at 3-1. As Emasangweni showed excellent behaviour on the pitch, the school won the award for fair play.

Pfundzo Ndi Tshedza and Meetse A Bophelo met for the 5-a-side Mixed final. Played on a small pitch, the game was characterised by quick moves, tricks and many goals. Although both teams showed dedication, Pfundzo Ndi Tshedza clinched the match, winning 6-2 and taking home the league trophy. Meetse A Bophelo outscored Pfundzo in the fair-play rating, however, thus winning the award for fair play.

The 11-a-side Boys final was played by Rethakgetse and Mahlasedi Masana. During an intense 60 minutes, Mahlasedi Masana’s players celebrated three goals and successfully kept Rethakgetse away from their goalposts with a tough defensive performance. This resulted in several yellow cards and a red card for Mahlasedi Masana, leaving Rethakgetse as the winner in the category for fair play.

Emasangweni player Siyabonga Mahlangu enjoyed the final, despite her team’s not winning the league title. The 13-year-old girl was encouraged to play soccer in the run-up to the 2010 World Cup. Since then, she has attended training regularly and plays the league games several times a month. ‘I love soccer and I’d rather go to practice than hang around doing stupid things,’ she points out.

The Mamelodi 8 League’s finals were organised by the League Committee. Zakhele Ngomane, the Committee’s secretary, was satisfied with the event: ‘We saw great sports performances and players who supported one another and who showed great respect for fair play. These finals were a great experience for the schools and their teams.

The League Committee is currently taking a major step forward by establishing the Non-Governmental Organisation ‘Youth Sports for Social Development’ (YSSD). YSSD’s main objective is to initiate, coordinate and monitor sports leagues in both primary and high schools. ‘Through the leagues we hope to keep the youth physically active and to give them a platform where they can develop and achieve within their chosen sport,’ says Ngomane. He continues: ‘More importantly, however, YSSD aims to enable coaches to use sports as a tool to teach life skills.’
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Speaking up for sport and social change

First Regional Conference of the SSCN brings key players together

Johannesburg, 13 June 2011. The Gauteng Chapter of the Sport for Social Change Network (SSCN), which is supported through a Public-Private Partnership between YDF and Nike, held its first Regional Conference on 9 and 10 May at the Nike Centre in Soweto. "This meeting means a major step forward for our network, as the sport-for-social-change movement has, for the first time in its existence, seen the bringing together of key stakeholders in sport and sport for development in South Africa in a unified approach under the banner of the SSCN," explained southern Africa hub coordinator Allan Williams. While the first day was mainly dedicated to reviewing the network’s activities and to further strengthening and developing the capacities of its members, the second day opened a forum for an exchange between the government, the private sector, civil society and academics on the ‘Roadmap’ developed by the Department of Sport and Recreation South Africa (SRSA).

On 9 May, over 40 representatives from SSCN’s member organisations and emerging NGOs took part in several forums that were facilitated by SSNC and the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA). During the morning sessions, the delegates from the member organisations were informed about where the network stands at the moment and what the way forward might look like. Allan Williams explained that a draft for the network’s constitution will be distributed to the members before final voting takes place in July. The afternoon session featured discussions on the fundamental principles underpinning youth development.

The following day was dedicated to SRSA’s ‘Roadmap’, which points out the government’s short-term interventions to be implemented during 2011 in the areas of school sport, social cohesion and funding. After presentations by Rohini Naidoo (SRSA, Director School Sport), Mondli Nohashe (SRSA, Deputy Director Community Sport and Recreation) and Sershan Naidoo (National Lotteries Board) laid the foundation for the day’s discussions, the participants met in three commissions to discuss the proposals. At the closing of the conference, each commission came up with further ideas and tasks to follow up on in the near future.

SSCN hub coordinator Allan Williams was satisfied with the outcomes of the event: 'This conference demonstrated the importance of the role that NGOs play in nation-building and national reconstruction in South Africa, and the powerful role sports can play in achieving these goals. Our network is becoming a platform in southern Africa for the sport-for-social-change movement, and will continue to grow and support its members through strategic partnerships.'

Participants from the government, private sector, civil society and academia contributed to the successful SSCN Regional Conference at the Nike Centre in Soweto.

After their presentations, Mondli Nohashe (SRSA, left), Sershan Naidoo (National Lotteries Board, middle) and Rohini Naidoo (SRSA, right) answered questions posed by SSCN members’ representatives.
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History serves as an example to youth

YDF partners celebrate Youth Day in South Africa

Pretoria, 23 June 2011. On 16 June 1976, thousands of young people stood up in protest against the apartheid regime in what came to be known as the Soweto Uprisings. This day marked the beginning of riots that contributed significantly to the country’s liberation from apartheid. Since 1994, this date has been celebrated annually as Youth Day in honour of the young people who lost their lives while standing up for their rights. On 16 June 2011, several YDF partners organised events and activities that involved hundreds of children and youths from the communities to celebrate Youth Day.

The Leseding Community Development Project (LCDP) took advantage of the national holiday to kick off the new partnership with YDF in the village of Luka. The organisation was recently awarded a grant from the European Union to implement the YDF Toolkit in the North West Province. For the Youth Day celebrations, LCDP cooperated closely with the local loveLife Centre to organise soccer as well as netball, basketball and beach-volleyball games. Young boys and girls staged a theatrical play dealing with HIV/AIDS, presented poems and delivered speeches in honour of the youth involved in the Soweto Uprisings 35 years ago. Finally, a Diski Dance was performed to remember the late ‘Mr Diski Dance’ Wendy Ramokgadi, who had been a strong supporter of the organisation. The event was also honoured with the presence of Ms Semane Molotlegi, the Queen Mother of the Royal Bafokeng Nation and prominent driver of health and social development of the Phokeng area.

48 teams participated in the Youth Day Street-Football Event which was organised by YDF partner Dona’s Mates in Orange Farm. Besides celebrating Youth Day, the tournament paid tribute to the anniversary of the 2010 Soccer World Cup. ‘Every team carried the name of one of the countries that participated in last year’s World Cup,’ explained project manager James ‘Maradona’ Shabangu. And just like last year, Spain took the crown in the seniors category.

The finals of the Winterveld 8 School League were played on Youth Day at the sportsgrounds of Ikeleng Primary School. Every team brought its supporting crowd along, creating a vibrant and encouraging atmosphere for the players. As both the girls’ and boys’ matches were tied 0-0 after regular time, the winners had to be determined in penalty shootouts. The girls’ final was only decided by the ninth penalty-taker, leading to Edwin Maolosi Primary School’s winning the title. Mahlwareng Primary School won the trophy in the boys’ category while Manamelong Primary School triumphed in the street-soccer league. The League Committee was very satisfied with the finals. ‘Everything went as planned and the players really respected fair play,’ explained Chairperson Ramatsha Jackie Letsholo.

In Mabopane, YDF partner SA Cares for Life/Lesedi la Batho commemorated Youth Day with a soccer tournament between three high schools and the Lesedi Strikers, a team made up of children from the community. Mabopane High School outplayed the other teams but Chrisina Groenewald, Community Developer from Lesedi la Batho, emphasised that all participants are winners: ‘Congratulations to all the teams and their coaches, we greatly appreciate the good sportsmanship that was evident throughout the day.’
YDF team changes its face

New team members join the YDF project

Pretoria, 30 June 2011. Despite the sports phrase ‘Never change a winning team’, the Youth Development through Football (YDF) project has recently witnessed several changes among its ranks.

Davide Fiedler, who completed an internship with YDF in 2010, rejoined YDF in March. The 28-year-old is supporting the project in his capacity as a junior technical expert in charge of both public relations and partner coordination in the South African provinces of North West, Limpopo and the Free State.

Hannes Bickel, who had been responsible for the YDF networks and partnerships within South Africa and several other African countries since 2007, returned to his home country of Germany in April to take up a job at the headquarters of GIZ.

Hannes Bickel’s position has been filled by Lisa Adolph, who joined in May after having worked as a community developer in townships such as Ennerdale and Soweto. Her working field includes the coordination of YDF’s activities in the South African provinces of the Western Cape, Northern Cape and Mpumalanga, and the establishment and support of the YDF networks.

In May, YDF bid farewell to Henning Schick, who had been developing the successful YDF Toolkit since 2009. With new short modules being released (Manual on Violence Prevention) or finalised (Manual on HIV/AIDS Prevention), Henning Schick leaves YDF with a great legacy. He will continue to provide advice to the YDF Toolkit Department from Germany.

The beginning of June saw the departure of Allan Boesak, who joins the GIZ-affiliated communications agency AgenZ in Germany. In charge of YDF events - particularly those during the 2010 World Cup - and most importantly, the Ke Nako Africa initiative, he was a passionate and indispensable player on the YDF team.

Strong and experienced players have left the team; however, like many other teams who have proved the above saying wrong, the YDF team too will continue to develop successfully and foster the idea of youth development through sport. As YDF Project Manager Gerald Guskowski emphasises: ‘We are very grateful for Hannes’s, Henning’s and Allan’s contributions to YDF, and will continue to benefit from their work in the future. But YDF has new faces now and will certainly stay a “Winning Team”’. 
YDF awards EU grants to new partners

Partnership with YDF kicks off with workshop in Pretoria

Pretoria, 18 July 2011. In June 2011, the Youth Development through Football (YDF) project formed new partnerships with six non-governmental organisations (NGOs) from the South African provinces of the Free State, Northern Cape, North West and KwaZulu-Natal. After an open tender process, the following organisations were selected to receive a grant funded by the European Union (EU) in order to integrate YDF activities into their programmes: the Mangaung University of Free State Community Partnership Programme (MUCPP; Free State), SAFA Motheo (Free State), the Agang Youth Centre (Northern Cape), Leseding Community Development Project (LCDP; North West) and two organisations from KwaZulu-Natal. "We are excited about extending our partner network in South Africa," said Thulani Mabaso-Mahlangu, YDF South Africa Team Manager. He further emphasised that YDF now has partners in all South African provinces with the exception of Limpopo, where a call for proposals is in progress.

Serving as a kick-off event for the partnership, YDF conducted a workshop in Pretoria on 29 and 30 June with representatives from all the organisations awarded an EU-funded grant. The first day was dedicated to informing the new partners about the background of YDF and the conditions of the grant. Furthermore, the organisations took advantage of the meeting to identify possibilities of cooperation among one another. NGOs from the Free State and KwaZulu-Natal also had the chance to consult with their respective provincial directors of SRSA’s Mass Participation Programme (MPP).

Kgabo Matjane, representing the Facilities Directorate of the Department of Sport and Recreation South Africa (SRSA), informed the NGOs about the Youth Development against Violence through Sport (YDVS) programme. This approach, supported by German development bank KfW, is aimed at reducing violence among young people by constructing sports infrastructure in disadvantaged areas, operating and maintaining these pitches and courts, as well as fostering sports coaching and the transmission of values and life skills. The new YDF partners were encouraged to connect with their local municipalities in order to be part of the YDVS programme.

The sessions on the second day of the workshop concentrated on training the new partners on the financial and administrative aspects of their partnerships with YDF. Workshop participant Billyboy Ramahlele from MUCPP pointed out that the meeting enhanced his understanding of the grant agreement with YDF. His organisation will immediately start with the training of coaches and look at mobilising broader resources for the cause of sport for development in the long term.
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Call for Proposals for the South African provinces of Gauteng, Limpopo, Western Cape and Eastern Cape (Reference: 83090863)

GIZ Youth Empowerment Programme – Youth Development through Football

Pretoria, 24 July 2011. The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) is seeking proposals for the implementation of the Youth Development through Sport tools in Gauteng, Limpopo, Western Cape and Eastern Cape with financial assistance from the Youth Empowerment Programme funded by the European Union (EU). The full Guidelines for Applicants are available for consultation at GIZ Offices at Hatfield Gardens, Block C, Grosvenor Street, Hatfield, Pretoria.

The deadline for submission of proposals is 16H00, Friday, 30 September 2011.

Briefing sessions on this call for proposals will be held on the following dates:

- Gauteng: 29 August 2011
- Limpopo: 30 August 2011
- Western Cape: 31 August 2011
- Eastern Cape: 1 September 2011

Details on the venues and exact times will be published in advance on this website.

Questions may in addition be sent by e-mail no later than 21 days before the deadline for the submission of applications to Susan Dada (susan.dada@giz.de), indicating clearly the reference of the call for proposals.

Detailed information and documentation are available for download:
(Please right-click and “Save Target/Link As” on the links below to download each file):

- Guidelines for Grant Applicants
- Terms of Reference
- Grant Application Form
- Budget
- Financial Identification Form
- General Conditions
- Procurement by Grant Beneficiaries
- Special Conditions
- Legal Entity – Individual
- Legal Entity – Private Company
- Legal Entity – Public Bodies
UNOSDP and UNESCO host conferences on sport for development

Pretoria, 26 July 2011. The YDF project is continuously deepening its relations with the United Nations. In May and June 2011, YDF was invited to several meetings and conferences held by the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). These opportunities were closely linked to YDF’s participation at the UNESCO World Conference on Sport, Education and Culture, which was held in December 2010 in Durban.

On 10 and 11 May, YDF attended the ‘Second International Forum on Sport for Peace and Development’, which was organised by UNOSDP in Geneva. It was headed by Special Adviser on Sport for Development and Peace, Willi Lemke, who in the beginning pointed out that sport is a suitable tool for social change. Around 350 representatives from governments, sports associations and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) from almost 150 countries met to discuss the potential of sport for implementing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and for developing a culture of peace. The presence of Ban Ki-moon, General Secretary of the United Nations, Jacques Rogge, President of the International Olympic Committee, and many former Olympic athletes gave the conference an outstanding character and reflected the importance of the topic. In his speech, Ban Ki-moon underlined the relevance of sport to the reaching of the MDGs and stated his plan to visit sport-for-development projects in Africa together with Jacques Rogge this year. Among several other ministers was Gert Oosthuizen, the South African Deputy Minister of Sport and Recreation, who mentioned the YDF project as a successful example and pointed out the fruitful cooperation between GIZ and the Department of Sport and Recreation South Africa (SRSA). It became clear that the project is widely known in the international arena and has gained international acclaim. Attached to the conference, the ‘Sport for Development and Peace International Working Group’ (SDP IWG) met on 12 May during which several ministers indicated their interest in intensifying cooperation with YDF.

On 6 June, Nomawethu ’Wewe’ Sokoyi, a member of the YDF Youth Forum in Cape Town, and YDF Project Manager Gerald Guskowski participated in the UNESCO Special Event on ‘Maximizing the Power of Sport’ at the organisation’s headquarters in Paris. They shared the stage with Gert Oosthuizen, the South African Deputy Minister of Sport and Recreation, and Getachew Engida, Deputy Director-General of UNESCO. The objective of the conference was to highlight the socioeconomic benefits of sport and physical education and their power to achieve broad-based developmental objectives. The event discussed the positive role of sport in increasing social inclusion and social integration, notably with regard to gender equality and girls’ and women’s empowerment. Wewe Sokoyi spoke to the audience on the impact that sport, combined with youth and community development, has had on her own life. On 8 June, Gerald Guskowski had the opportunity to participate in the plenary session of UNESCO’s Intergovernmental Committee for Physical Education and Sport (CIGEPS), where he presented the YDF approach focusing especially on sport as a tool to improve education for disadvantaged youth.

On 27 and 28 June, Gerald Guskowski and Christiane Frische, YDF Africa Team Manager, took part in the Round Table ‘Towards Youth Inclusive Policies and Prevention of Violence in the Great Lakes Region (Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya and Tanzania)’, organised by UNESCO in collaboration with UN-Habitat. Christiane Frische presented the YDF project as a best practice for violence prevention among youth, leading to a lively discussion on the possibilities for implementing such sports approaches to prevent violence in their countries. YDF Project Manager Gerald Guskowski is looking forward to continuing the cooperation with the UN as YDF’s ties with strong partners such as UNOSDP and UNESCO advance the cause of sport for development.
Manual for HIV Prevention piloted

YDF holds workshop in Port Elizabeth to finalise the new YDF short module

Port Elizabeth, 26 July 2011. The Youth Development through Football (YDF) project took another step towards the expansion of its pool of short modules by holding a pilot workshop on the new ‘YDF Manual for HIV Prevention’ in Port Elizabeth from 10 to 13 July. Doctors and independent consultants, well experienced in the area of HIV prevention, met with qualified coaches and social workers, who had undergone YDF instructor’s training in the past, to test the methodology of the preliminary manual and review its content.

Split into two groups, the workshop participants checked the theoretical and the practical aspects of the approach. While the team of doctors and consultants aligned each section of the manual with scientific standards and the appropriate methodology, the coaches and social workers focused on testing and improving the football training sessions.

The workshop profited greatly from both the diverse professional backgrounds of the participants and their regional origins; coming from different South African provinces and from Botswana, Namibia and Zambia, they were able to add specific regional knowledge to the discussions. The YDF Toolkit department is currently working on the update of the manual according to the suggestions made during the workshop. The official release of the ‘YDF Manual for HIV Prevention’ is planned for September 2011.
Online access to detailed coaching material helps to spread the YDF Toolkit

Pretoria, 27 July 2011. The second edition of the ‘YDF Manual for Coaches’ is now available for download on the project website (www.za-ydf.org). Additionally to minor changes that have been made, this edition offers an entirely new chapter containing methodical series on important football skills. As YDF is aiming at a large scale dissemination of its tools, the possibility to download the manual will further strengthen the approach of the project. The ‘YDF Manual for Coaches’ that was republished in March 2011 can be downloaded on the website section Tools we offer.

The ‘YDF Manual on Violence Prevention’ will be available for download in August 2011.