

Watoto Wasoka – FOOTBALL MADE IN SLUMS

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Welcome to the second edition of the Watoto Wasoka newsletter. Thank you for all the positive feedback from the first edition.

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Slums Derby 2016 is here!!



For the fourth time running, we will be celebrating the transformative power of football in the slums! The greatest football fiesta is coming to the slums once again. After our inaugural tourney in Kisenyi in 2013, we followed it up with a great success in Mulago in 2014, and then last year in Kisenyi. This

year we will be in Kamwokya, one of the grandest slums in the heart of the capital.

Kira Road Police playground provides the perfect ambience to stage this year's greatest kids' soccer fiesta.

Over 700 kids will attend this year's event with an expected 100 girls slated to take part in the second Watoto Wasoka girls' event, and the first ever Girls' Slums Derby.

Last year alone, the tournament in Busega saw 22 boys and 2 girls harness sports scholarships and bursaries thanks to the great show they put up that was witnessed, and appreciated by the school games scouts that came by. We are inviting a host of more school scouts and we hope that number can grow exponentially this time.

With all the hype, the highlight of this year's gala will be the girls' tournament. After an impressive Christmas Camp in Luwero where we hosted 8 girls' teams in the camp, we are following up with the second Watoto Wasoka girls' project – the Girls Slums Derby! Already, over 100 girls are expected to grace the tournament.

Get involved by donating or volunteering at the event. You can coordinate participant teams and fixtures, coordinate the feeding program and drinking water or officiate (referee) the games.

Donate to the fundraising campaign through this link:

<https://www.betterplace.org/en/projects/42029-support-our-fourth-edition-of-the-slums-derby>

You can as well share and recommend the campaign to friends.



Primary schools league kicks off

Eight schools. Six venues. 200 pupils.

The Watoto Wasoka primary schools league, with four games played every weekend, is your weekend program.

After inviting school sports and games teachers to our tournaments and events, we decided to take it a notch higher. In efforts to increase our access to sports scholarships and bursaries, we invented the first ever primary schools league.

On Saturday 2nd April 2016, we set off to a great start in our inaugural Primary Schools League.

The league will run until August. Two schools from each group will qualify for the semi finals and the winner will be crowned at a Grand Finale.

The league in its inaugural season has already registered great success. Through the league, Watoto Wasoka has already facilitated access to over 80 sports scholarships and bursaries for street and slums kids. This year alone, St. Peter's Junior School has offered 18 football bursaries for street kids in Kisenyi, Kyengera, Natete and Kivulu. God Wins Primary School has on the other hand given out 10 football scholarships to the slum kids in Mulago and Kamwokya while ABC Divine Foundation has increased their sports scholarship scheme from 40 to 55, with all slots being taken up by slum soccer kids in Natete, Gayaza, Mutundwe and Busega.

Further still, this league will present us a bigger audience to which we can present and implement our WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) football drills.



Everything I know about morality and the obligations of men, I owe it to soccer.” — *Albert Camus*

Soccer isn't the same as Bach or Buddhism. But it is often more deeply felt than religion, and just as much a part of the community's fabric, a repository of traditions.” — *Franklin Foer*

It seems that soccer tournaments create those relationships: people gathered together in pubs and living rooms, a whole country suddenly caring about the same event. A World Cup is the sort of common project that otherwise barely exists in modern societies.” — *Simon Kuper*

Of Nakku, Saumya and Girls' football

In the heat of the action, she outmuscled the boys. With her resilience and never-say-die attitude she guided Super Heroes Academy to the championship of the second edition of the Slums Derby.

Nakku Mastula had everyone looking on in disbelief as she found her way past opponents with ease. She dared against all odds to play in an all-boys tournament at our second edition of the Slums Derby in Mulago. With her talent, she amazed everyone and won the acclaims, but none were as excited as Saumya.

To Saumya, Nakku's success in an all-boys gala triggered in the prospects of girls' football.

Two months later, she co-engineered efforts to set up Sparta 09 Ladies, the female version of our famous Sparta 09 boys' teams. This gave an opportunity to a dozen girls from all over Kampala to play football on a regular basis.

Her efforts saw Sparta 09 Ladies take part in a curtain raiser match at the 2014/15 Christmas Camp finale in Wakiso. This was followed up by an all-girls epic curtain raiser at the 2015 curtain raiser in Busega.

Last year, we organized the first ever Watoto Wasoka girls tournament that ran alongside the boys Christmas Camp in Luwero. The week – long

camp brought together 100 girls from all around Uganda.

This year, we are following up that success with the Girls' Slums Derby that will be held next month 21st/22nd May in Kamwokya, at Kira Road Police playgrounds.

To support our efforts, visit this link to donate towards the Slums Derby;

<https://www.betterplace.org/en/projects/42029-support-our-fourth-edition-of-the-slums-derby>



Viva con Agua

We were excited to have been a part of the Viva con Agua network that celebrated WELOVEYUGANDA 2 last month. This was in the week-long World Water Day celebrations between 19th to 26th March 2016. Together with Viva con Agua Kampala, we used our jointly developed WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) football drills to carry out workshops in Kamwokya (Kampala) and in Moroto (Karamoja) which were capped

off with a grand concert at Kamwokya, at the grounds where we will actually organize the Slums Derby next month.

Thanks to Viva con Agua and Welthungerhilfe, and to all the other musicians, artists and dancers who were part of the experience. It was all worth it – for water.

#Football4WASH



Get Involved...

Volunteer / intern with us....

You are currently in Kampala, Uganda or planning on going there and want to do some voluntary work? You are a hobby or professional football player or coach who like to kick the ball with our kids? We seek enthusiastic people passionate about children's rights, football and girls, with willingness to interact with others, and increase their hands-on experience of football, children and girls. Put your ICT and tech skills to test by running our website.

The list of opportunities is long; we would love to hear from you soon.

- Attend the Grand Slums Derby and/or the Christmas Camp
- Getting to make a real difference applying your personal skill set to better the world, you help improving daily training work
- And so much more...

We need your support....

Your monetary contribution! Every Shilling counts for us!
Sponsoring of tournament or WATOTO WASOKA in general, single or frequent contribution
Support through material and commodities
Any other activity that would help us to get an inch closer to our organization's goals!

And we offer....

Accountability & Transparency: You will know where your contribution was spent / used for
Visibility (if desired): We will mention your support on our website and tell everybody we know :)



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Football Made In Slums!

Watoto Wasoka was founded in 2009.

Watoto Wasoka – football made in slums, is a local NGO based in the heart of Kampala's biggest slum Bakuli. We are a non-profit, community – led youth development organization which uses soccer as a vehicle for positive change in the life of slum children in Uganda. The organization aims to promote soccer-talented street and slum kids and tries to provide them with an alternative to street life for a better future perspective. We offer shelter, education and school support.

Upon realization of our first model centre, we intend to include health services & job training for those, who do not obtain scholarships.