

Watoto Wasoka – FOOTBALL MADE IN SLUMS

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The finale...

Welcome to the sixth edition of the Watoto Wasoka Newsletter.

We thank you for the continued moral and technical support we have received over the last month.

We want to invite you to the finals of our primary schools league this Sunday.

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Primary Schools League, Final



What started in March with eight schools has now narrowed down to just two.

The primary schools league comes to a conclusion this weekend. On Sunday 21st August 2016, we will be in Natete for the grand finale of the first edition of our primary schools league.

En route, we enjoyed more than 20 matches over the

course of the four months. We created meaningful play, we had fun and we made new friends.

We started the league as an avenue to create more educational opportunities for slum soccer kids. We thought by creating a football league where pupils could play, we would give schools a reason why they should offer slum soccer kids scholarships. It paid off, and it was a win-win for all parties involved; for us, the schools, the kids and for all the people who came to watch the games every weekend at the different venues.

Sports scholarships and bursaries were offered to dozens of slum kids from Mulago, Busega, Natete, Ndejje, Kisenyi, Nansana and more. The schools were very supportive throughout.

There were challenges, that's undeniable. Some schools didn't have home grounds but we asked them to share with other schools. Some had to travel really long distances across towns, but that was part of the fun. Some schools didn't have coaches, and that was a job opportunity. Some had never played beyond their school house competitions, and it was an opportunity for exposure. We too, had to move long distances every weekend to cover all the games, to run fixtures and to experience the football first hand.

It had to come to this, the grand finale.

Sunday 21st August 2016: ABC Divine Foundation School (Mutundwe) Vs. God Wins Primary School (Mulago), at **Natete, 3pm**

The final will be preceded with a curtain raiser game between Watoto Wasoka Staff and the schools coaches at 1.30pm.

We want to invite you to these finals. Come be a part of the fun. Most importantly, you can be part of the Watoto Wasoka team that will take on the coaches in a light curtain raiser before the final.

If we could give you a good reason to come for the final on Sunday, at least come and help us give the coaches a football beating :-). Cheer along, play with us, and win with us. Thereafter, coordinate the kids' final together.



Meet Wilson, our U12s captain



A leader doesn't have to be gigantic or muscular. That's what we have come to learn from Wilson Rwabuganda, the diminutive skipper of our U12s Sparta team.

At least we have come to accept that whatever he lacks in his small stature, he more than makes up with his intelligence and ability to lead others.

When we first offered him to captain the U10s Sparta team two years ago, we were only trying to convince his mum to let him take part in our holiday football program on a regular basis. Two years later, Wilson went on to contest for the position of Head Boy at his Namirembe Hill Primary School, and he won. He becomes the youngest and

the smallest :) Head Boy the school has ever had. Yet that has not stopped him from telling bigger boys and girls in his cabinet to keep the school in order, or his team mates to give their all on the pitch.

Wilson's results in class have also improved. He has been in the top five performing pupils in his class for the last two terms.

"The fact that my coaches believe in me gives me confidence," Wilson says. Asked how he won the Head Boy position at his school, he mobilized the school football team members and took time to deliver a good speech. While his other compatriots concentrated on offering sweets to the pupils, Wilson went class to class campaigning.

We can only wish him the best. Couple his intelligence with his passion for the game, and he will surely be another success story to write home about.



Sport provides an entry point to a comprehensive, independent program, in which specific activities are practiced to reinforce certain values and attitudes in order to produce a form of social capital and the associated responsible citizens

- ***Anonymous***

Venue confirmed...

We spent the last two months drowned in negotiations over a school to host our fifth edition of the Christmas Camp.

We are happy to let you know that those negotiations have finally paid off. Yes, we already have a venue for our Christmas Camp due to take place from 28th December 2016 to 3rd January 2017. Are you ready?

Ladies and gentlemen, this year's Christmas Camp will be hosted by Namagabi SSS, Kayunga District. We are humbled with the support and assurance we have received from the administration of legendary school.

We already have the minimum satisfaction of the facilities for the week long soccer camp.

Now we can already think of yet another ground breaking opportunity for play with hundreds of slum kids and girls from all over Uganda.

You should get going with your plans on how to get involved; to volunteer, to support, to bring a team, to cheer along or to just come and play football.

We just can't wait.!!



Volunteer / intern needed

We seek to recruit a volunteer(s) with particular expertise in Information technology (IT / ICT), especially website design/development. In this regard, we seek to restructure our website (www.watotowasoka.ug), to streamline some features on the site and make it more user-friendly.

If you believe you have the particular acumen needed please get in touch through email at info@watotowasoka.ug . Still if you know of a website design guru, we will be happy to get in touch.

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 slums. 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 street and slum kids through their love for football, 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.