

# WATOTO WASOKA – Football Made in Slums!



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Welcome to our first newsletter of the year.

One month into 2018, and we are still excited about the progress we made in the past year.

2017 was a great year of football and learning for thousands of slum kids in Uganda.

We hope you had a great 2017 too and that your festive season was as great.

Thank you for all the support last year, and we hope you will be part of our journey in 2018.

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## Thank you for 2017



[2017 was a great year](#) at Watoto Wasoka, all thanks to your generosity! Every single penny donated helped us to empower, mobilise and educate slum kids through football. We brought fun and learning to more than 4,000 kids around Uganda through our football programmes.

- We organised the second [Primary Schools League](#) with over 500 kids through 22 schools
- The [Slums Derby](#) had over 700 kids for a weekend of football, fun and learning.
- We hosted [Coaches Across Continents](#) for a week with over 80 community coaches.
- Our [Sparta 09 teams](#) did well, we also won the U15's Kampala Regional League championship.
- [Football 4 WASH](#) remains our biggest social impact. We now have a [masters' thesis](#) on it.
- Girls' football continues to rise, all our programmes have girls' categories now.
- Over 300 footballs given out to schools and community teams.
- Over 80 kids earned scholarships through the programmes

There were challenges too, definitely, and some targets were not met. However, our commitment and motivation is higher than ever and we believe we will reach greater heights in 2018, with your support.

## This year 2018...

We had a successful 2017, and we want to take this momentum into the new year 2018.

The mission is the same – to create purposeful opportunities for play in a safe environments for slum kids in Uganda.

The overarching vision still remains to change the lives of slum children in Uganda, one game at a time through structured and regular football programmes.

We still rely on your support into this year to enable us achieve this vision.

As in the previous years, the Primary Schools League will start in March and end in July. The Slums Derby will still happen in May. The Christmas Camp will return even bigger and better. The Football 4 WASH programme with Viva con Agua will be even bigger and will focus more on schools and communities in central Uganda, but still support the Karamoja schools. We will focus on expanding our network and making our impact verifiable and shared to our supporters and the general public.



# Selected shots from the Christmas Camp



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# 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!**

*Founded in 2009, we're a non-profit, youth-led football for development organisation. We use football as a vehicle for social change in the lives of slum children in Uganda. We seek to change lives, one game at a time through structured football programs.*

*As one of our main support concepts, we facilitate access to primary and secondary education for slum children. Through our close ties with the slum football scene, public and private schools, we have a unique network which has enabled more than 600 kids to attend school which they would otherwise not have.*

*We offer health education (Football4WASH, HIV/AIDS, vocational training, school support and a place to call home/go-to during holidays or when times are rough.*