



This is the fourth publication of the Watoto Wasoka newsletter.

We continue to send out our appreciative regards for all the support we received during our fourth annual Slums Derby last month.

#ThankYou

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Thank you for the Slums Derby !!



The 21st and 22nd days of May 2016 were just as normal as any other weekend. It was however a special weekend in its own way to hundreds of slum kids and girls. Football came to them, courtesy of the Watoto Wasoka Slums Derby.

It was even more special as it ushered in the first ever Girls' Slums Derby. Kamwokya was the slum that hosted this great soccer bonanza this year. The kids, the girls, coaches and spectators had a weekend to remember. Football, fun, friends plus food and drinking water.

All this wouldn't have been possible without your support !

The fourth annual Slums Derby was a great success because YOU supported it; you donated towards the organization and the event, you brought a team to the tournament, you volunteered, you publicized it, and you told friends about it.

Thank you for all the individual, corporate and organizational support.

We have uploaded a good number of photos from the event on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WatotoWasoka> . Like and follow for more updates.

Second term resumes, Primary schools league returns

The school first term ended early last month giving way to the first term holidays. Only last week, we ended the holidays. As school term II begins, we want to ensure that every child under our custody accesses appropriate education – primary, secondary or tertiary. We have done everything within our capacity to send back all the children to school for the second term.

We are happy to let you know that the number of children accessing educational sports bursaries and scholarships have increased by an appreciable 35% for boys and 10% for girls, solely due to the Slums Derby and the Watoto Wasoka Primary Schools League.

On that note, preparations for the second round of the Primary Schools League are in high gear. The league resumes in a fortnight. We can't wait for the fun, the football and the opportunities that we envisage to accrue in the second round.

With the success we have already registered, we are already pondering on next year's edition; whether to include a girls' category or to expand to more schools. It will become clearer over the next couple of months and from the feedback we will gather during the last quarter of the year.



***I learnt all about life with the ball
at my feet – Ronaldinho***

Girls' football

She dribbled, she scored and celebrated. Deep within her she was not just celebrating a goal she had scored in the semi-final of the Girls' Slums Derby, it was more than just that. Naome came to play at the Slums Derby to show the boys in Kamwokya that even girls can play football, and be just as good.

Her energy, skill and passion were amazing, simply a joy to watch. She dazzled and mesmerized. She raised her accolade when she was named the female MVP at the closing ceremony to symbolize how much of the male following her talent had won over.

Naome, like the hundred girls that came for the Girls Slums Derby, have come to accept that discrimination is part of their daily life. And that they need to use the game they love most to bring to the society's attention

their potential. That presents one of the biggest drivers for our engagements with girls in football. To let them play and access more opportunities. To level the playfield

Thanks to a handful of schools that have embraced girls' football, Naome and her colleagues can now benefit from the sweat of their potential on the soccer pitch. They have been offered sports bursaries and scholarships. Gradually, the numbers are soaring up.

Only early this year in our Christmas Camp, we had eight teams taking part and last month we had 10 teams in the Girls' Slums Derby.

We believe that football presents the perfect avenue to bring boys and girls, men and women together, and to let them accept themselves as equal. To fight discrimination, and to achieve higher prospects in life.







Facts and figures from the Slums Derby 2016:

We received € 2169 worth of donations.

85% of the funds went straight into the Slums Derby with 15% helping with the daily operations (although we are dedicated to reducing this percentage to a minimum). If you have not yet received a copy of the accountability and the relevant receipts, please let us know. We will be more than happy to forward you the copies.

Over **700 kids** and **100 girls** came to the event. These made up 40 boys' and 10 girls' teams with 62 coaches.

Throughout the two day event, we feasted on 150 Kgs of rice and 1000 litres of drinking water.

We gave out **60 footballs** to the teams and 65 certificates to the teams and volunteers.

Media Watch:

We were featured in all leading media houses – print, video, radio and online.

In Uganda's leading daily, *The New Vision* http://www.newvision.co.ug/new_vision/news/1424599/kampala-slum-soccer-derby

On Uganda's leading TV Stations – *NBS TV* and *Star TV*

On Uganda's leading sports radio stations – *FUFA FM* and *Ssuubi FM*

The report is also available online:

On our **website**: <http://watotowasoka.ug/?q=node/42>

On our **blog**: <https://watotowasokablog.wordpress.com/2016/05/25/the-slums-derby-2016/>

On Uganda's leading online sports website – *Kawowo Sports*: <http://www.kawowo.com/index.php/football/item/26683-uganda-martyrs-sparta-09-win-watoto-wasoka-slums-football-tournament.html>

On the *International Platform for Sports and Development*: <http://www.sportanddev.org/en/newsviews/news/?14115/1/Slums-Derby-2016>

A special vote of thanks to the dozen of **volunteers** that gave a hand.



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.