

Watoto Wasoka – FOOTBALL MADE IN SLUMS

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Thank you for 2015!!!

Welcome to the first ever edition of the Watoto Wasoka newsletter. We hope you will be as excited as we are about this development.

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With all the support we received from you in 2015,

We managed to organize;

The third edition of the Slums derby with over 500 slum kids from all around Kampala

The first ever Girls' football tournament

Christmas Camp with over 1,750 kids

We received;

Over 30 Sports scholarships and bursaries in primary and secondary schools

We gave out;

Over 200 Footballs to slums soccer teams

We developed;

A WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) football drills manual with Viva con Agua

Our new Website, www.watotowasoka.ug

Office space just besides our kids home

We hosted;

A consultancy program with ConsultingKids on the topic of youths unemployment.

Viva con Agua Sankt Pauli e.V. and later Viva con Agua Kampala

Soren Boots and Dan Karlin who volunteered in different capacities.



All set for the first ever Primary schools league

After inviting school sports and games teachers to our tournaments and events, we have decided to take it a notch higher.

We would like to increase our reach to primary schools and

the number of scholarships and bursaries we are harnessing. Accordingly, we are organizing the first ever primary schools' league.

The league will have a dozen schools taking part from April 2016 until August 2016.

We believe such an avenue will increase on the number of primary school scholarships and bursaries these schools are offering.

Further still, this league will present us a bigger audience to which we can present and implement our WASH (Water,

- ◇ **It's not just a stadium, *It's our home!***
- ◇ **It's not just a kit, *It's our skin!***
- ◇ **We're not only eleven, *we're millions!***
- ◇ **We're not just a crowd, *we're a family!***
- ◇ **It's not just 90 minutes, *It's a lifetime!***
- ◇ **It's not just a passion, *Its an emotion!***
- ◇ **It's not just a game, *It's our life!***

Christmas camp 2015/16

Thanks to your support, we organized the biggest ever Christmas Camp between 28th December 2015 to 3rd January 2016 in Luwero. Smiles and ecstasy filled the camp. 1,750 slums kids had the opportunity of a fun-filled week to escape drug, and delinquencies, and instead celebrated goals – we had to accommodate, and to feed them for six days, and to give them the opportunity to play the game they love most at the cheapest costs possible – free for everyone! And we succeeded, thank to you!

To all the individual and corporate sponsors, donors and friends who gave a hand – material, financial and moral support, we cannot thank you enough.



- Over 1750 kids attended, 156 coaches
- 100 girls came to the first ever Watoto Wasoka Girls' tournament
- 1500 kilograms of corn flour and 350 kilograms of beans
- 168 hours of fun
- 148 hours of football, 221 matches
- 134 winners/runners honoured with medals
- 120 footballs given out

Slums Derby season four is here...

With an average attendance of 500+ kids coming together in more than 35 teams each year, it can only get bigger and better. The kids come to kick a ball for all the reasons – fun, friendship, hope, glory, educational opportunities, career prospects, to mention but a few.

The Slums Derby is not just a grand slums football tournament; it is Uganda's biggest soccer fiesta for slum/street kids, courtesy of The Watoto Wasoka Foundation.

Besides the fun, hope and smiles, the tournament has profound impacts on the life of the kid. There are numer-

ous prospects of talent scouts, media spotlight and educational opportunities high on the radar. All these and more represent the blind connection that binds the slums kids to the beautiful game.

Save the dates, **21/22 May 2106.**



Girls' football

On the 2nd January 2016, the first ever Watoto Wasoka girls' event kicked off in high gear. It was graced by the FUFA Female Player of the Year, Sandra Nabweteme, who was the tournament top scorer! The girls scored, cheered, and wowed the crowd with their skill, passion and attitude. To the crowd, it was just dozens of girls playing soccer, but for us it was more than just 7 girls' teams, it

was dozens of girls coming together, united by football, kicking out discriminations, it was tens of over-zealous females kicking out the social and gender boundaries and harnessing their potential. It was just the start of the many forthcoming gender inclusive programs we hope to roll out in the next phases of our activities.

This year, we will have girls programmes running concurrently alongside all our mainstream programs.



Viva con Agua

In December 2014, we hosted Michael Fritz, co-founder of Viva con Agua St. Pauli e.V. This was after Welthungerhilfe made a donation toward our second Slums Derby in May 2014. In March 2015, we hosted a bigger entourage that also included Michael and Benjamin Adrion, co-founders of Viva Con Agua and Latim Nobert who went on to found Viva con Agua Kampala.

The impressions of the meeting were

diverse. We met for football, and for water. We played a game of football, and shared a luncheon. At the end, we succeeded in brainstorming partnership ideas on how we can use football to bring the message of WASH (Water Sanitation and Hygiene) closer to the masses.

Since then, we have never looked back and our partnership continues to grow even stronger.

VcA also joined us for our third Slums Derby and our fourth Christmas Camp.

This month, we will be joining VcA in its #WELOVEYOUKAMPALA II social that will also include touring projects in Moroto.

Also in pipeline, is our primary schools program where we hope to embed WASH football drills in our Primary Schools League. **#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.