

Watoto Wasoka – FOOTBALL MADE IN SLUMS

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ABC Divine takes the day...

Welcome to yet another edition of the Watoto Wasoka newsletter.

In this edition, we share with you how the first edition of our Primary Schools League went, and how we are enjoying the school holidays.

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The Spartan
"Messi"



Last month, we successfully organised the [climax](#) of our Primary Schools League with a final at Natete play grounds. The finale was preceded by a curtain raiser match between Watoto Wasoka staff and the coaches of the school teams. The coaches beat our staff in penalty shoot-outs 3-2.

In [the final](#), New ABC Divine Foundation School beat God Wins Primary School 1-0 to become the inaugural winners of the Watoto Wasoka Primary schools League.

We are delighted with how much we managed to achieve with only our [first edition of the schools league](#) that also brought dozens of bursaries and scholarships for slum kids around Kampala and beyond.

We want to build on this success as we look forward to another season next year.

We also had the company of Nobert and Torben from [Viva con Agua](#), Berna from [The Kids League](#), and Prim from [The Lens Foundation](#) who also covered [the finale behind her lens](#).

In this newsletter, we have also included some photos of how the final unfolded.



Kavuma Abdul “Messi”



Born some twelve years ago, Kavuma hails from an extended polygamous family.

When his father married a second wife, Kavuma had to find another home. He left school, and his family to go to the street as he sought for solace when times turned rough at home at the age of eight. He was later picked up by a local soccer coach in the neighbourhoods of Luzira who introduced him to football.

He was quick to adapt, and a couple of months later, he was back in school.

Our own Coach Mike spotted him in one of the school games in Luzira and brought him to Sparta in 2014. As his football talent was fast growing, we managed to secure him a scholarship at Nkumba Primary School, before he joined Katiti Primary School. This year, ABC Divine Foundation School came calling for his footballing talent, and he joined the school on a full scholarship. He has just led them to the Primary Schools League Championship last month, where he was also voted the Most Valuable Player in the league.

He has also reunited with his family, and though he stays at our kids home during the holidays, he sees his father at least twice every holiday.

He has also picked up a nickname “Messi” for his agility and likeness of play to the Barcelona forward he idolises religiously.

Most importantly, we are proud of his performance in class, and we hope he fulfils his goal of getting a first grade in his Primary Leaving Exams (PLE) later this year.



When I was a kid, I only played football for fun, because I loved it. Today, football has given me everything; happiness, status, friends and education. A life fulfilled. - Farouk Miya, Uganda’s Golden Boy.

Holiday time, football time



As you read this, we are in the second week of the second term school holidays. We are already catching up with the stories we have missed out on, receiving end of term class reports and doing what we love the most – football.

Our [Sparta 09 teams](#) have already taken part in tournaments and have brought in two trophies to add to the growing cabinet. We are proud of our U14s team who won in Nansana and Kisenyi galas.

Four of our boys were selected for the Central Select team to represent Kampala region in the [City Tyres tournament in Moroto](#). These were Kavuma Abdul “Messi”, Muwonge Shafic “Turner”, Baguma Isma “Tabbu”, and Serunjogi Patrick “Seru.”

Last month we also held the first of the two coaches meetings in preparation of the Christmas Camp. Although the attendance was mild, the meeting yielded fruits in terms of suggestions and recommendations for December. The second meeting will be in November.

We have embarked on training sessions at Miracle Centre Cathedral grounds – Lubaga and trial games with our Sparta 09 teams as well as contesting in external tournaments.



Primary schools finale, Season I, August 2016



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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!

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.