



**ZIMBABWE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
OLYMPAFRICA CENTRE
FUTBOLNET
Inter-district competition
12 October 2013**

INTRODUCTION

A fixed total of 2 400 participants drawn from eight districts took part in the first edition of FutbolNet Cup Tournament. The final competition took place at the Olympafrica centre at Prince Edward School on 12 October 2013. The main values addressed for the final competition were teamwork and respect. The teams however had to exercise and observe the other four values. Six fields were used with a total of 1200 participants from both primary and secondary schools taking part in the final competition. The six pools were named according to the six values of teamwork, respect, responsibility, commitment, effort and tolerance. One hundred and fifty (150) officials in the form of both teamers and accompanying teachers made sure that activities ran smoothly.

The futbol3 methodology was adopted in all the 33 matches placed on the day. Matches were 30minutes long. General guidelines were given to the teamers that had duration of 30 minutes for all the activities. In each and every pool there was first a general discussion on the rules of the match and how to play against opponents. Children had to play the game under the watchful eye of the teamers for first half and second half and HIV/AIDS Education had to sum up all the activity. All the teams from the 8 districts participated well serve for individual schools that did not turn out for the competition.

PROMOTIONS

The following promotional materials were received from Olympafrica Foundation and were used for the FutbolNet induction and final competition.

- 150 paper posters
- 4 tube banners
- 20 balls
- 300bibs

PUBLICITY

The programme received generous media coverage both on radio and on local television. Weekly updates were aired on Sfm on the weekly district competitions. The induction workshop as well as the FutbolNet Cup Tournament was covered on local news on T.V. The holistic approach to grooming a footballer through the integration of teaching values was highly emphasized.

COMPETITION EVALUATION

A total of forty teamers were inducted for the inaugural FutbolNet edition. One hundred and twenty schools took part in this programme. Each one of them had a total of 60 players two sets of teams with 30 players, 15 players in each team. Activities started on the 19th of June, with teams meeting on an alternating basis within their districts. Each teamer received a ball, a clip board a poster and a yellow bib to aid them in their station. Values were covered on a 7 week programme ending with a competition at the centre held on the 12th of October 2013. In line with our economic situation, instead of trophies, prizes for the final competition were soccer balls. These we felt are more practical and will go along way in assisting schools who are struggling with purchasing of sports equipment. The winners of the tournament were thus as follows:-

Prize Category	Name of winning team	Soccer balls
Minime best team- team work	Chizungu Primary School	5balls
Benjamin's best team –team work	St Peters Secondary School	5balls
Minime best team – respect	Kurai Primary School	5balls
Benjamin's best team – respect	Zengeza 1 Primary	5balls
Best team in each pool	Kwayedza Secondary School	2balls
	Mutiunokura Primary School	2balls
	Budiriro 3 Primary School	2balls
	Dudzai Primary School	2balls
	Billal Private College	2balls
	Kambuzuma High School	2balls
Most disciplined team	Domboramwari Secondary School	1ball
Most organized team	Allan Wilson/Hatfield Schools	1ball
Best dressed team	Mbare High School	1ball

The programme has been welcomed by Zimbabwe, ZOC and its recipients mostly because of the integrated approach which instills morals, good sportsmanship and leadership in young boys and girls. The programme has been well received as a practical tool to modeling boys and girls to become good and responsible citizens of the country. The involvement of Barcelona Football Club motivated players and is making a difference as more children are now getting involved in football at a tender age. The funds provided catered for the induction workshop, 7 rally activities, the final tournament including the shooting of the video, pictures, refreshments and certificates for all participants.

CONCLUSION

The first edition of Futbolnet program final competition 2013 was a success as the number of the players who turned out was quite encouraging. A lot of young boys and girls in the country have talent which needs to be nurtured at an early stage of their development. As Olympafrica center Director I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the following key stakeholders for their involvement and assistance before and during the 1st edition of the FutbolNet Tournament:-

- Olympafrica Foundation and its partners in this initiative (Barcelona FC Foundation and IOC)
- Zimbabwe Olympic Committee
- Ministry of Education, Sport, Arts and Culture
- Zimbabwe Football Association (ZIFA)
- Prince Edward School and all the other district hosting schools
- Individual participating schools
- Teamers and monitors as well as the
- Media

Thank you **OLYMPAFRICA** for the important role that you play. This deed is indeed noted with great appreciation. I hope this partnership gets stronger as we endeavor to develop a sporting culture among young Africans, Zimbabweans in particular. Keep supporting Zimbabwe Olympafrica centre in future events. We look forward to a more improved and polished FutbolNet Cup Tournament next year.

Together with this report is a CD with pictures, DVD, financial statement and supporting receipts.