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VISION

To create a world where the community is in social cohesion and free from violence.

MISSION

To use sport (football) as a tool to unite, educate and empower young people overcome the effects of war and poverty they face in the Democratic Republic of Congo

PROMOTING PEACE THROUGH FOOTBALL IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

After many years of armed conflict in the DRC, many children have been orphaned or displaced. Inter-ethnic violence and mistrust are ever-present. Additionally, there are insufficient resources preventing the treatment of trauma victims and the creation of peaceful and healthy communities.

The Centre des Jeunes pour la Paix (CJP) is a non-profit organization based in the province of Sud-Kivu in the east of the Democratic Republic of Congo. It was established in 2009 based upon the belief that football has the power to bring communities closer together and promote the peaceful resolution of conflicts.

Since then, CJP has been bringing together young girls and boys aged 6 to 30 from different communities divided by the conflict around weekly activities using football to promote peace, tolerance, social inclusion, health, education and gender equality.

2024 IMPACT

7,339

PEOPLE EMPOWERED

4,700

YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES EMPOWERED WITH FOOTBALL FOR PEACE EVENTS

MOST ADDRESSING GLOBAL GOALS



ROGRAMME SUPPORTED BY FIFA FOUNDATION

PLAY FOR PEACE: SOCIAL INCLUSION BETWEEN COMMUNITIES THROUGH FOOTBALL KANYARUCINYA IDPs CAMP.



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

The project is pilot programme that aims peaceful coexistence between communities, both from IDPs and host community in Kanyarucinya IDPs camp, Eastern of Democratic Republic of Congo. The first part of the project entailed the capacity building of local coaches where 300 young people, both from IDPs and host community were trained as football for peace mediators in their schools and neighbourhoods. During the second part of the project, the focus was on the organization of football3 events (matches, festival, tournaments, etc.) in schools and slum

The activity on football for peace addressing peace - building, social inclusion and gender equality education were implemented from January 2024, included three phases: 1) Football for peace curriculum preparation; 2) Training of trainers/mediators and; 3) Implementation of the football for peace programme in 28 schools in Kanyarucinya IDPs camps. Over 400 girls and boys aged 09-25 years old have participated in tournaments, festivals, and matches using football to educate young people on peacebuilding, social inclusion and gender equality through football.

HOW IT WORKS

CJP uses football as a tool to educate on peace building, social inclusion and respect of gender equality



CHALLENGES

- Negative stereotypes and prejudice towards Internally Displaced people
- Lack of peacebuilding programme for youth and children.
- Lack of trust between communities
- Lack of a culture of peace among members of various communities



TARGET GROUP

Young people from diverse communities and cultures from Kanyarucinya IDPs camp and host community, between the ages of 9 and 30. Sex: 50% of girls



ACTIVITIES

- Prepare football for peace education Manual and training of trainers
- Introduction to football for peace for players
- Kanyarucinya IDPs camp Football for peace festival to celebrate world Day for peace, September 21
- Implement the football for peace programme addressing peace building, social inclusion and gender equality in schools and slum
- PEACE CUP to celebrate International Day of Sport for Development and Peace, April 06



OUTCOMES

297 Young Leaders trained as football for peace coaches

54,9% of participants from divided communities increased communication, decision-making and conflict-mediation skills

7,339 young people participated in regular local football for peace tournaments and festivals

79% of participants increased willingness to include others, regardless of gender, ability, age or background

PARTICIPANT STORY

Before the football3 program in our school I saw our refugee colleagues as our enemies, I didn't even want us to talk to each other, I had a bad view of them. But after this program, I learn how to dialogue and negotiate in order to resolve our conflicts, we look at each other with a positive eye, thank you CJP for this excellent program. Football3 participant **ALIMASI MULANGA, 17 years old,**



WHY IT MATTERS

"FIFA Foundation has allowed us to extend our educational activities on peace building, social inclusion and gender equality, register more participants, buy more materials (balls, cones, whistles and jackets). Through FIFA Foundation we have also gained increase d visibility for our work." **ASSANI SELE, Football3 coach**