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TWO YEARS ON

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This newsletter provides a final update on the results achieved in the two years since the 2018 **Match for Solidarity**. Thanks to your engagement and support, thousands of children with and without disabilities have benefited from sports and inclusion activities. **A huge thank you!**



HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN GREECE

Location Thessaloníki and Ioannina, Greece
Partner Terre des Hommes (TdH)

In Greece, refugee and asylum-seeking children and their families remain in a situation of desperate need. Terre des Hommes runs a project aimed at ensuring their protection, integration and social inclusion. Sport can be an efficient tool to tackle exclusion. That is why Terre des Hommes, together with local and international partners, uses sport to provide psychological support and improve social integration and empowerment.

BENEFICIARIES

From 1 April to 31 August 2018, the Terre des Hommes accommodation and social services scheme in Thessaloníki and Ioannina helped **403** individuals to access safe and dignified accommodation, make connections with the local community and access critical integration services. Children and young people (0 to 18 years old) made up **45%** of the beneficiaries.



In 2019 Terre des Hommes achieved the following:

- **Sixty** weekly football training sessions were held along with **nine** monthly *Football for All* events.
- Training was provided to **12** football coaches on how to use football as a tool for protection.
- Some **200** refugees from more than **20** different countries participated in Terre des Hommes events and activities.
- The overall social well-being of young refugees and asylum-seekers was improved, through better communication and collaboration, increased self-confidence, feeling understood and accepted, and a better sense of social connection.
- Safe and accessible football activities were provided for those most at risk of exclusion (girls and young women), and local child safeguarding and protection mechanisms were established.
- Participants gained skills such as conflict resolution, leadership and public speaking through group exercises, personal presentations and theory sessions.
- In terms of community management and networking, Terre des Hommes developed positive partnerships with local football clubs, extended activities to new locations in Greece and established effective collaboration with the Refugee Trauma Initiative to raise awareness of the *Football for All* methodology.



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I most liked working with other people from other nationalities.

Male refugee, aged 18



Join our Weekly Football Training Sessions in Thessaloniki Starting again in September 2019

COME TOGETHER THROUGH FOOTBALL!

Register now for Terre des hommes Hellas' free football training sessions for men & women

Women: Monday & Wednesday 5:00 MM - 7:00 MM
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LA VIE EN BLEU

Location Geneva, Switzerland
Partner Autisme Genève



Autisme Genève has used the funds it received from the Match for Solidarity to make society more inclusive for people with autism. The association strives to help children and young people with autism develop the skills to understand the complex world around them. In addition, Autisme Genève has created campaigns to raise the awareness of the general public, with a view to improving understanding and acceptance of people with autism.

BENEFICIARIES

A total of **20** children, aged 4 to 18 years, have participated in inclusive dance, swimming, trampolining, table tennis, hiking, athletics, singing and karate activities.



On 30 November and 1 December 2019, Autisme Genève was guest of honour at the Escalade race, the most popular event in the Geneva calendar, which attracted no fewer than **46,000** runners last year. A unique opportunity to raise awareness of autism!

The Autisme Genève stand in the race village gave the organisation huge visibility among runners, their friends and families, and other supporters. Some **1,000** runners bought and raced in Autisme Genève T-shirts, thousands of brochures were handed out and hundreds of passionate exchanges with passers-by helped introduce a large audience to the realities and specificities of what is more formally known as autism spectrum disorder.

In addition, thanks to funding from the UEFA foundation, Autisme Genève was able to launch a pilot project to better understand the needs of people with autism, what activities are open to them in terms of inclusive leisure pursuits and the support services they need, with a view to developing programmes that will benefit people with autism in Geneva and serve as models for others to replicate.

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Milan didn’t want to go to his singing lessons anymore at the beginning of the year, but since Taly started assisting him, motivating him and helping him to better understand what is expected, he has developed a renewed interest in his group and he loves coming to singing lessons every Monday. What’s more, he sings very well!

Camille, singing teacher at Catalyse School



INCLUSIVE SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT IN BANGLADESH

Location Mymensingh and Tangail districts, Bangladesh
Partners Handicap International/Humanity & Inclusion (HI), Protibondhi Community Centre (PCC) and Disabled People’s Organisation (DPO)



This project aims to improve the educational and social inclusion of children with and without disabilities in Bangladesh. Thanks to proceeds from the Match for Solidarity, school-based and child-led inclusive sports and leisure activities have been used to foster child development, promote awareness of protection issues and break down social barriers.

BENEFICIARIES

- **Two** disabled people’s organisations received training on promoting inclusion though inclusive sports.
- A total of **854** children participated in inclusive sports and leisure activities, as well as educational activities.
- A total of **434** caregivers received training on appropriate care for their children with disabilities.
- Training was provided to **29** teachers in mainstream schools on how to support students with disabilities.
- Training was also provided to **20** sports coaches on how to adapt and facilitate inclusive sports.



Major achievements as of February 2020:

- **Ten** primary and secondary schools took part in the project.
- Some **5,337** follow-up sessions were held for caregivers on appropriate care for children with disabilities.
- **Forty-five** follow-up sessions for trained teachers on classroom management were held in schools.
- Kits including sports and learning materials were provided to ten children’s clubs and schools.
- Some **603** sports sessions were organised with sports clubs.
- A total of **105** assistive devices were provided to children with disabilities.
- Some **232** children with disabilities were referred to health and rehabilitation care services.
- Awareness sessions were organised for **42,501** children, with/without disabilities, on different child-related development issues.
- Thirty coordination meetings were held with the school management committee.

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In the future I want to do a job to become self-reliant.

Ratul



FOOTBALL FOR INCLUSION UEFA FIELDS

Location Moreno, Argentina
Partner Association Civil Andar [VIEW PROJECT](#)



With the support of the UEFA Foundation, Civil Andar was able to develop a comprehensive football for development programme. This allowed the association to improve its projects and outcomes and to begin to establish a safe place to play football.

BENEFICIARIES

During 2019, there were **341** participants.



Considerable progress was made towards the objectives identified during the initial planning of this project, and changes were made that led to the expected results being exceeded.

Three clear objectives were established:

- Develop a football academy to promote life skills and sports training for children and young people with disabilities.
- Promote values through football.
- Raise awareness about full inclusion.

The following activities were carried out:

- Classes with the *Gol Inclusivo* Football Academy
- An Inclusive Football League tournament
- Participation in Festival 19 organised by streetfootballworld and Sports dans la Ville in Lyon, France
- Local football3 festivals
- Partnership with the Argentine Football Association to promote inclusive football and female empowerment
- Partnerships with clubs, including River Plate, Boca Juniors and Racing Club

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Including football in the life of girls and women with disabilities enables them to actively participate in social life, interacting and positioning themselves in different situations they face daily. They empower themselves as rights holders, increasing visibility of this situation of inequality and changing the role of women. Through football, they are able to redevelop self-knowledge and rebuild themselves improving their self-esteem and self-determination and thus establish themselves as leaders of their own lives and as ambassadors of the value of diversity.

Civil Andar association

The Civil Andar association is experiencing difficulties owing to the COVID-19 outbreak. They have been forced to close their centre and advise their beneficiaries to stay at home. This situation poses considerable obstacles to the continuity of their operations and makes it impossible to complete the construction of three football pitches. Their operations will continue after this sanitarian crisis.



INTRODUCING SPORTS FOR PEACE INCLUSION AND RECONCILIATION (INSPIRE)



Location Batticaloa and Ampara districts, Eastern Province, Sri Lanka
Partners Handicap International/Humanity & Inclusion (HI), Women’s Development Centre (WDC) and Centre for Accessibility, Monitoring and Information on Disability (CAMID)

This project was established in September 2018, with the objective of using sports to contribute to social cohesion, reconciliation and the development of an inclusive Sri Lankan society.

BENEFICIARIES

In total, **6,105** persons from different ethnic and religious groups, with and without disabilities, participated in the project activities. Of the beneficiaries, **3,196** were children or young people, **945** of whom had disabilities (**30%**).



- **Thirteen** mainstream and nine special education schools were selected to be part of the project.
- A total of **8,282** children and young people (**56%** boys, **44%** girls), including **700** persons with disabilities, were enrolled in the participating schools.
- A capacity-building programme was developed and implemented for physical education teachers and special education teachers, including the printing of a manual on inclusive sports and social cohesion to equip the teachers with knowledge and practical guidance.
- Following level 1 training for **81** teachers, **66** inclusive sports activities were organised by the newly trained teachers in the **22** schools involved in the project for **3,526** participants (including **700** children with disabilities) and **five** inter-school events were organised for **871** children (including **239** children with disabilities).
- Level 2 training was held for **105** participants in July 2019.
- Sport and health awareness sessions were organised for **264** parents of children who attended the sessions.
- Disability and inclusion awareness sessions were conducted by members of disabled people’s organisations.
- **Eight** street performances on inclusive sports and social cohesion were organised in the community, involving **3,557** people.
- Inclusive sports activities were led by the teachers who had received training.
- Inter-cultural events and inter-faith dialogues were organised to bring people together.



SOLIDARITÉ AVEUGLE

Location Bamako, Mali
Partner Libre Vue



Since the last newsletter, a new blind football season has started, as it does every year, involving **120** visually impaired children (**20%** of whom are girls), amounting to around half of the pupils at the School for Young Blind People. The young beneficiaries of Libre Vue had the opportunity to represent Mali at the 2019 IBSA Blind Football African Championships in Nigeria. Libre Vue has recently completed the construction of offices, equipment storage, changing rooms and showers. Solar panels were installed on the roof to make the building energy independent.

BENEFICIARIES

A total of **300** children have benefited from the *cécifoot* programme since the Match for Solidarity.



- More professional management has led to better results for the national team and thus to the media taking an interest in blind football.
- Mali ranked 9th at the IBSA Blind Football World Championships and won a silver medal at the 2019 IBSA Blind Football African Championships.
- Libre Vue’s new building provides a more comfortable environment for players, encourages more children to participate and strengthens the credibility of the association with the authorities.
- A total of **20** computers and **80** canes were distributed to children to facilitate their inclusion.
- **Nine** awareness-raising sessions were held in primary schools as well as four demonstration matches in different districts of Bamako.

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We are happy to play sports with friends and we are the first girls to play cécifoot in Mali.

Aminata, cécifoot participant, aged 15

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Thanks to Libre Vue we practice our passion and even when we don’t have training, we get together and play!

Thiam, cécifoot participant and captain of the Mali national team, aged 24





THANK YOU!

None of this would have been possible without your generous support. Thanks to you, thousands of children will benefit from projects like these. Thank you all. Let's keep working and playing together through the **Match for Solidarity**, to defend and promote the rights of every child!

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