



# **2017 GLOBAL PEACE GAMES**

**For**

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

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# CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

## 2017 GLOBAL PEACE GAMES for CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

### *Participating Organization*

This Certificate is awarded to participants for their solidarity in support of a culture of peace, nonviolence and global friendship, and for their commitment to the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. Participation in the yearly tradition of the Global Peace Games demonstrates the capacity and interest of children and youth to learn peaceful solutions, respect for one another, and leadership for peace. The power of sport brings them together in play and friendship. The pledge of the UNESCO Manifesto for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence helps guide them in their efforts to unite and create a better world.

~ RESPECT ALL LIFE ~

~ REJECT VIOLENCE ~

~ SHARE WITH OTHERS ~



~ LISTEN TO UNDERSTAND ~

~ PRESERVE THE PLANET ~

~ REDISCOVER SOLIDARITY ~

The 2017 Games were celebrated in many communities in the following 23 countries: Australia, Belgium, Burundi, Cameroon, DR Congo, Ghana, India, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Uganda, USA, Zimbabwe.

Acknowledgements and appreciation are extended to FIFA for their support and special messages to the 2017 games. At the grassroots level, special acknowledgements go to each of the many organizations, schools and individuals noted in the 2017 Report who worked tirelessly to bring the Games to their communities, provided outstanding and inspiring local leadership, and demonstrated their commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



# Message from FIFA



## Message for the 2017 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth

This is the 17<sup>th</sup> year of celebration of the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth. FIFA would like to welcome all of you to this wonderful event – and especially congratulate all of you who have taken part each year since the Games began in 2001.

We hope that you will continue to use the Games, not only as a day of fun and community solidarity, but as a special opportunity to focus on all that football can teach us – the life skills of winning and losing with grace and dignity, of showing respect for others, practising fair play, tolerance and understanding, learning teamwork and how to make your bodies healthy and strong.

Each of us can think about what we can do to make the world a better place. Boys and girls, children and youth, playing together in friendship throughout the world are a powerful force for this purpose and our future. This is what Football for Hope can accomplish.

We should all spread the messages of respect, solidarity and tolerance – and take action to improve health and education. As you take part in the 2017 Global Peace Games, remember that you are joining many others in this common effort.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Addiechi'.

Federico Addiechi  
FIFA Head of Sustainability & Diversity  
Responsible of Football for Hope Programme

## Introduction

# REPORT ON THE 2017 GLOBAL PEACE GAMES for CHILDREN AND YOUTH



The Global Peace Games for Children and Youth (GPGs) – founded in 2001 by PLAY SOCCER Nonprofit International (PSNI) – unite the voices of children and youth in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals through the common language of sport. The GPGs provide a low-cost organizing structure that empowers local organizations, brings communities into the global media spotlight, and engages children and youth to place collaborative values at the heart of both the local and global agenda. All sports can participate, not only soccer/football. Thanks to the joyful, global digital network that connects us to each other across the world, the impact and success of the GPGs continues to grow every year. In 2017, the Games were celebrated - and digitally shared - by thousands of children and youth in 23 countries.

The GPGs are open to everyone who wishes to participate. To engage and celebrate the contribution of all children and youth, the GPGs are locally organized and financed by grassroots communities and organizations. Their efforts are recognized and recorded on the international level, brought together through PSNI, so that they can be shared and exchanged to spread knowledge and education about the Sustainable Development Goals and to build global friendship, cultural understanding, and peace.

The GPG share common themes that advance the objectives of the Sustainable Development Goals and enliven them with unique local attributes that often include traditional and innovative educational performances of music, art, dance and poetry. To forge links among the participating children and youth, PSNI encourages three common core actions wherever the Games are held:

1.) Signing the Nobel Peace Laureates' Manifesto for A Culture of Peace & Nonviolence

2.) Reading of Special Messages from the UN, FIFA and others---Special messages from the United Nations have been provided each year since 2001, the first year that the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth were held. However, in May 2017, the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, announced that the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP) had been closed, so PSNI was not able to obtain or provide a special UN message this year.

3.) Giving the Handshake of Friendship

PSNI is proud to provide provided international leadership for the Games by distributing invitations and instructions for participation and by producing the Annual Certificate of Participation and Report, which is posted on the PSNI website. The Games would not be possible, however, without the inspirational leadership of our grassroots partners - the many organizations, schools and individuals who work tirelessly to bring the Games to their communities. This report includes a list of all registered organizations, a summary of their reports (using their own words as much as possible), photos selected from the many wonderful pictures sent. All the photos contained in this report are the property of these organizations.



## Country Reports

Many of the organizations that took part in the 2017 Global Peace Games shared their thoughts about what their participation means to them. Here are a few of their comments:

- “Leadership skills do not know age, sex or political and social creed.” *Inuka Direct*
- “Thanks for giving our organization this first opportunity to participate.” *Katherine Parker Initiative*
- “The Global Peace Games event gave the children and young community leaders an opportunity to lead and personally commit to global friendship and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.” *Khelo Rugby*
- “Thank you for all the support your organisation has given to us in bringing this program to reality. We are willing to do more to ensure a peaceful Global community.” *Cup Foundation Ghana*
- “The Games demonstrated the value of sports to unite, motivate, inspire, educate and improve health and well-being and to strengthen the links between children and adults.” *Ovie Brume Foundation*
- “We are very grateful for the little opportunity given us at the grassroots level...the most interesting thing was, it brought more community dwellers and nearest communities together.” *Students Aid Liberia*

### AUSTRALIA



**Football United** celebrated the Global Peace Games on 14 September. “208 youth from Creating Chances’ programs and from Football United’s schools gathered at Valentine Sports Park - Sydney, to take part in team building activities and a Fair Play football tournament. This festival will highlight the power of sport to promote social harmony and gender equality...During the gala day, messages were delivered that encompass the objective of the day: celebrate Global Peace Day...This event is supported in partnership with the **Lebanese Muslim Association** and **Community Migrant Resource Centre** as part of the Youth Transition Support Project. Our Partner **Sydney FC** provided prizes for the fairplay players.”

## BELGIUM



The Global Peace Games celebration in Belgium took place at the site of the 1914 First World War Christmas Truces, Flanders Fields. It was directed by **The National Children's Football Alliance (UK)**, facilitated by **The Peace Village (Belgium)**, and part funded by **Erasmus+**: Youth in Action project. "The GPGs is a week-long event engaging young people from diverse backgrounds and different cultures, in football games and non-formal peace education. Over 60 young people originally from 15 countries...represented Belgium, England and Italy; they participated for free in the week-long event of all-inclusive activities, games and peace education. Through a diverse programme, participants learnt about: The role of sport in conflict resolution, cultural awareness, civic awareness, citizenship, tolerance and humanitarianism. They experienced sportsmanship and enhanced communication skills, and intercultural awareness."



## BURUNDI



**Right To Play Burundi ISA (International Sport Alliance)** celebrated the Global Peace Games “with the theme: ‘*Ensemble pour la paix: Respect, Dignité et Sécurité pour tous*’ meaning ‘Together for Peace, Respect, Dignity and Security for all’. In Kaborore a total of 268 (50%f) youth together with 78 (43%f) Community members attended. In Kayanza 208 (48%f) youth with 78 (50%f) community members were present. Children were also present and reached a total of 154 (47%f). Participants appreciated diverse games that demonstrated skills like decision making, mutual respect, resisting peer pressure, positive thinking and non-violent communication... The day at both sites ended with an activity of participants hugging as many fellow participants as possible to show they agree with the peace delivered messages via games, speeches, sport plays, dances and songs.

## CAMEROON

**PLAY SOCCER Cameroon** registered to celebrate the Global Peace Games.

## D R CONGO

**Centre des Jeunes pour la Paix** registered to hold Games in Bukava.

## GHANA

**Cup Foundation Ghana** organized a mini-tournament for the Kazoa community at the Kazoa Zion school park. 12 juvenile teams (under 13-17) took part. “About 400 children were engaged to participate. 800 spectators were recorded to cheer up their teams. And about 100 formal and informal members for the Coaches and Team Managers Association were invited... And with the support of Global peace games as a theme, our message was welcome.”



**CLED-Campaign For Learning Disabilities, Source of Hope Foundation /Ghana Peace Awards, and PLAY SOCCER Ghana** registered to celebrate the Global Peace Games

## INDIA



**Khelo Rugby** organized a U-13 tag rugby tournament at Crow Field, Kolkata Maidan. “Keeping in mind the UN Sustainable Development Goals, we emphasized a lot on ‘Good Health & Well-Being and Gender Equality’. Every team comprised a mix of girls and boys playing as one team making a strong statement on giving equal opportunities to both, boys and girls. In the build up to the tournament, our young community leaders explained the children in the respective communities about the 6 Global Peace Games messages in the form of posters and play based activities. We re-emphasized on the 6 messages on the event day, with an interactive session on the significance of Global Peace Games.” 220 children from 24 communities participated.

**Project KHEL (Kids Holistic Education and Life Skills)** organized the sixth edition of the Global Peace Games in Lucknow. “The event brought together more than 110 children from twelve institutions that work with disadvantaged children and low-income groups, as well as more than 100 Ultimate frisbee players from the eight teams participating in the Lucknow Ultimate Open (LUO) Ultimate tournament. The objectives of this event were to bring together different groups of children from around the city to play and have them interact with older children and adults while promoting the playing of and spirit of Ultimate Frisbee... The essence of Ultimate Frisbee is Inclusion, Fair play and Appreciation. This game does not have a Referee and Fouls are ruled out by mutual discussion by both teams’ players. It also fosters gender equality as it is essential for every team to have female players. With a large emphasis on community, Ultimate is frequently found at the forefront of movements and community-based programs and thus was chosen as a theme game by Project KHEL for this edition of Global Peace Games.”





## KENYA



**Hand of Hope** “held its games on October 10 at Mombwo Primary School in Tinderet sub county of Nandi County. We had 80 males and 100 females participating. Next year’s event is promising to be bigger.”

**Inuka Direct** “conducted its 3<sup>rd</sup> GPG activity with 53 participants from Nyeri Youth Sports Academy. Located in Nyeri County, a 142 km drive from Kenya’s capital City Nairobi. This year’s session was themed around value based leadership. Dr. Kellen Kiambati and Dr. Anne Kariuki, both lecturers from Karatina University, co-facilitated leadership sessions which showed how abiding to the UN manifesto for peace will lead to the attainment of their career aspirations. Short football drills demonstrating how young leaders can solve social problems were also played in a 3v3 format. In the spirit of social inclusion, the engagement saw a Christian opening the activity with prayers and a Muslim concluding with an Islamic prayer.”



**Junior Stars Development Program** hosted the Games at Umanja Wa Mbuji Stadium with participation by 200 youths. “The games were dubbed Amani ni Urafiki Games (Peace is friendship). The games came at a time when Kenyan youth needed to hear the voice of Peace speaking louder during the election period in the country... Apart from playing the games the young boys and girls were also encouraged to discuss what peace means to them. It was amazing what children consider as peace. Some said peace means good food, shelter, education and friendship. We are also privileged to use the global goals football that has the 17 development goals; this made it easy for us to point out the goal 16 which talks about Peace.”

**SOON Readers' Club** hosted Global Peace Games at Mathare Youth Polytechnic. "In attendance were eight schools with their respective teachers. With the theme: Together for peace, respect, safety and dignity for all, participants were engaged in prayers for peace based on goal 16. Peace Clubs from these schools presented peace themed songs, poems and dances. These presentations were followed by speeches and a message of encouragement from FIFA was read. Total number of participants was 120 including children and youths. They were also given opportunity to sign a pledge for a culture of peace and non-violence after which 'football for peace' was played as a joint friendly match."



**Youth Empowerment through Sport (YES Kenya)** held "celebrations at Osingo Primary School playing ground, which is also the home pitch for YES. We had teams participating in netball and soccer (for both boys and girls). We had a total of 24 teams; 12 boys' soccer teams, 8 ladies' soccer teams and 4 netball teams. Two local organizations dealing with health education and awareness were also present. **USAID's MCSP** and **Jilinde** supported the events that lasted for four days."

The following organizations in Kenya also registered to hold Games: **Resource Hub for Development, Wire Soccer Academy.**



## LIBERIA



**Football to Develop Destitute Liberia (FODEDE)** “celebrated the Global Peace Day in Monrovia with over 200 hundred participants from over 15 communities’ dwellers in the Gardnersville, Liberia. The official Theme for this year’s observance was ‘Together for Peace, Respect, Safety and Dignity for All’. FOEDEDE crafted the theme to Liberia’s current situations to includes the violence preventive warnings for the Oct. 10, 2017 legislative and presidential general elections; good governance for sports with equal opportunities for all; and the need to support youth empowerment through sports by giving them life skills education “CAREER HOUR”. During the program, participants benefited from a large range of innovational thoughts, presented by Madam Rochell D. Woodson, an executive committee member of Liberia Football Association (LFA).

**Students Aid Liberia** celebrated Global Peace Games over three days in the Baptist Seminary Community. Eight teams from the community took part. Despite fundraising challenges (cost of equipment, transportation, field rental, fees for referees, water for players...), the volunteers helped make the program a success, and the Games ended well.



**Liberia Rural Children Psychosocial Development Organization Inc. and Consolidated Youth for Peace & Development** registered to hold Games in Liberia.

## MALAWI

**PLAY SOCCER Malawi** registered to celebrate Global Peace Games



## MALI



SOS Children's Villages Mali celebrated Games at the Hermann Gmeiner School. Activities included reading the message of FIFA, signing the Manifesto, the dove throw, the athletics, the dance competition, the hoop throwing, and a relay race involving girls and some SOS Program staff from Kita. In addition, there was a football match between two teams, all boys. Seven hundred and two signatures were collected on the manifest.

## NIGERIA



**Heal The Youth Foundation**, "as part of support and advocate for peace around the world, organized a football match for the children in Kanadap Community of Jos Local Government, Plateau State, Nigeria on 4<sup>th</sup> of November, 2017. The UNESCO manifesto was read and signed by the participating children. Two soccer matches of twenty minutes each were played by four teams of five players (children) each. A total of 26 youths participated in the games."



**Katherine Parker Initiative** in collaboration with **Global Peace Pageant** organized a Peace Football match in Abuja. “There were 12 vibrant youth who took part in the football game and a 9 years old boy by name Sean Idoko who read the special message with so much confidence and understanding. The audience and players were able to understand the need for peaceful coexistence using football as a unifying sport. We were able to collect 76 signatures in the cause of the match.”

**m2ywsports** celebrated the Global Peace Games at Rhema School Sports Field in Abuja. 18 children, 4 coaches, and 2 helpers took part. The children enjoyed the tennis programs at the school



**Ovie Brume Foundation** “celebrated the 2017 Global Peace Games with 1000 young people from 22 Public Primary and Secondary Schools at the Methodist Boys High School, Victoria Island Lagos. The students and their teachers were divided into four different Houses: Blue, Green, Yellow and Red. Others in attendance were Head Teachers, Vice Principals, Sports officials from Nigeria Association of Physical Education Teachers, Media team, Medical team from Lagoon Hospital as well as members of the Ovie Brume Foundation Youth Centre. The event had activities such as Track and Field events, March Past, Dance and Taekwondo Display. It also featured the signing of the Manifesto and reading of the 2017 Global Peace Games message centered on the life skills of winning and losing with grace and dignity, showing respect for others, practicing fair play, tolerance and understanding, learning teamwork and how to make the bodies healthy and strong.

The following organizations registered to hold Global Peace Games in Nigeria: **Eti Sports Foundation, Initiative for Education and Development, Rural Alliance for Development / Michael Okpara University of Agriculture Umudike Senior Staff Club, and Steven Ibn Akiga Foundation.**



## PAKISTAN



**Khelo Rugby**, assisted by the **Desert Camels Rugby Club**, “held a tag rugby tournament to celebrate the Global Peace Games...8 schools from across the Fort Abbas region participated with over 100 school children enjoying a fantastic day of sport and fun.



**Right To Play Pakistan** celebrated the Games in Karachi and Hyderabad. “571 children and youth participated, of which 362 were girls...Over 650 individuals were a part of the events...[In Karachi] on the final match day organized in collaboration with local partners **Karachi United Football Foundation**, there were also Right To Play’s signature Positive Child and Youth Development sessions on ‘tolerance’ led by trained coaches. Girls also verbally vowed their commitment to exhibiting tolerance and spreading the message of peace...[In Hyderabad] the highlights of the event included sprint races, relay race, sack race and tug of war. Each game was initiated with a discussion with the participants about the theme of the event and how they can contribute towards peace through sport.”





**Sports and Fitness Association of Pakistan** and **Falcons Basketball Club** organized a tournament among the youth basketball teams in twin cities Islamabad, Rawalpindi. 12 teams participated in the tournament to enjoy basketball, learn about the UN manifesto, and sign the PEACE banner. 648 youth ages 15-25 took part, and 150 signed the Peace Manifesto.

**ISPRU Youth Forum** registered to hold Games in Chitral.

## PALESTINE

### **Right To Play Palestinian Territories**

supported partners holding Games in Bethlehem and Gaza Strip. “**Teacher Creativity Center**, RTP main partner in West Bank, Palestine, conducted the Peace Games in Bethlehem...The ceremony, which was held in cooperation with the **Al-Haq Foundation**, was held at the Abu Ammar Youth Center with the participation of 100 children from Bethlehem and the surrounding areas...The ceremony was marked by the child's recitation of a poem about peace, as well as balloons and peace messages and games.” In Gaza Strip, **Yaboos Society** celebrated games with 104 children, 20

volunteers and coaches, and 4 local partners. After Global Peace Day discussions with coaches, the children took part in four activities, and then watched a play about peace values: tolerance, cooperation, teamwork, and non-violence. Finally, the children flew kites on which they had written peace slogans.



## SIERRA LEONE

**Advocate Plus Sierra Leone** “celebrated the *Global Peace Games*, which is a fairly new initiative in the country. Advocate plus, a Non-governmental Organization which aims to empower women/girls, commemorated this day by bringing together 36 female football players and 4 coaches from four female football teams from Sierra Leone’s second largest city (Bo), who were part of Advocate Plus’ ‘Empower, Educate, Esteem (3E’s): Supporting Girls Social and Academic Development through Sport’ project. An estimated population of 300 spectators witnessed this never to be forgotten day of which rounds of applause were given by parents/guardians and spectators to players and coaches who displayed their enthusiasm in the field of sport.”



## SOUTH AFRICA

**Play For Fun, Learn For Life** celebrated the Global Peace Games at Reagile Primary School, with the topic “We Rise”. 80 children and youth ages 5 – 17 took part. “The event was planned inside the classroom because of weather and later went to a soccer field...Children were so excited as we had a music system on site, including snacks that were donated by Joes place tuck shop.” The successful day included activities in which children learned about (1) community safety, (2) leadership and saying No to bullying, (3) healthy successful players, and (4) confidence walk.





**Swiftresponse** hosted “a street soccer tournament tagged **STREET SOCCER CLASSIC** at Jubilee park field, Uitenhage Port Elizabeth South Africa. Twenty teams were registered for the event, each team...consisting of boys and girls and there were ten players per team.” 90 children, 110 youths, and about 100 spectators took part, and all signed the Peace Manifesto.

## TAIWAN



**Gong Guan Elementary School** celebrated the Games in Taipei City. “After 7 years cooperation, the boys & girls were growing to be a fantastic seed for coaching Grassroots including kindergarten, elementary school & Junior / Senior middle high schools. [We] appreciated that **Taipei Play One F.C.** joined football activities for DaAn community...[and] believed that will be strengthening the organization from now on.”

## TANZANIA



**Children and Youth Development Organization (CYODO Tanzania)** organized the Games at Mtwara in collaboration with **Safari FM Radio**. About 30 young people from 4 schools took part in the program, which included participation by football clubs from 2 schools, and singing. "Throughout the games, participants and players signed the Manifesto document and special messages were read as well as hand shakes before and after each game."

## THAILAND



**Right To Play Thailand** celebrated the Global Peace Games as part of the Youth Day of the Phuket Youth Detention Center. 29 children, aged 11-17, took part in the activities and signed the Peace Manifesto. "The opening session consisted of the pledge for Global Peace Day and ice-breaking activities. Chain-reaction game was also implemented to provide basic knowledge on Global Peace day and let youth share idea about peace making. Then 3 activities, prepared and facilitated by YDC staff, were Superman relay (clothes changing relay), Tug-of-war, and eat racing. All of youths and staff appreciated the event. Youths indicated that they have learnt about unity, living in harmony with others, and communication skills."

## TOGO

**People to People International Togo** registered to hold Games in Andoh Adekpui.



## UGANDA



**Buwate Youth Sports Academy** celebrated the Global Peace Games. The message from FIFA was read to all the children and youth. All participants engaged in the Handshake for Peace, and took the UNESCO Pledge for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence.



**Embrace Every Child Outreaches (ECCO)** “together organized and funded all the activities that took place that day with the involvement of communities of Butayunja, Kakindu, Zigoti counties in Mityana District at Kakindu play grounds where over 953 youths and children attended. A 10-minute prayer and a 2-minutes moment of silence were held for those who have lost their lives in pursue of peace globally.” Teams participated in matches on a knock-out basis. Special messages were read, participants were in courage to exchange a handshake of friendship, and 953 children and youth signed the Global Peace Manifesto.



**Hope Children's School** celebrated the Games in Mityana, joined by two other area schools, with 300 boys and girls from Ttumbo Primary School and 267 from Progressive Junior School. “Then at Hope Children's School all the pupils participated 522 pupils; 303 were girls and 219 were boys. The message from FIFA was spread to all the Children and the Youths who participated in the Global Peace Games. All children and the youths engaged in the handshake as a sign of Peace and took the Pledge for Culture of Peace and Non Violence created for UNESCO.”

**Kawempe Youth Centre** reports “we had a very good time with the young people who shared their definition of peace, engaging them in Sustainable Development Goals. By the end of the session, all young people were excited and pledged to promote peace in their families and communities. The pledge form has been displayed at the centre's library until the end of September, to let more young people get to know why we promote peace and make a commitment to promote peace through signing of the pledge.”



**Women of Uganda** “organized and funded all the activities that took place [at the Global Peace Games celebration] with the involvement of communities of Masindi TC, Pakanyi, Budongo in Masindi District, at Municipal council play grounds, where over 2,100 youths and children attended. Given our prior sensitization drive about the games, the activities that took place included football, netball and board games.” Other activities included prayers, the Uganda national anthem, signing the Peace Manifesto, reading the

special Message from FIFA, and giving the handshake of friendship. A football match to climax the day was played between two youth teams.





**Giving Children Hope Initiative** organized Global Peace Games in Kakindu, Mityana.

**Soccer Without Borders** and **Watato Wasoka Foundation** registered to hold Games in Kampala.

## USA

**PLAY SOCCER USA** and the **Trenton Youth Soccer League (TYSL)** “held a mini Global Peace Games for Children and Youth event on November 11. Small size tournaments were played, families cheered from the sidelines and delicious mandarin oranges provided refreshment. Everyone received a Certificate of Participation... About 30 players are registered [in TYSL]; many are new immigrants especially from Central and South America. The event highlighted the UN Sustainable Development Goals, especially health and the broad benefits that the sport of soccer can bring to the community. The special message from FIFA/Football for Hope was read and appreciated.”



**Soccer Without Borders** registered to celebrate Games in Baltimore. Maryland.

## ZIMBABWE

**Oasis Zimbabwe** registered to hold games in Epworth in Harare.