

TWENDE HOCKEY ACTIVITY REPORT 2019-2020

OBJECTIVES AND RESULTS ACHIEVED

Currently the spread of hockey at grassroot level in Tanzania has developed to the extension that the sport has been played in 6 Regions (Dar Es Salaam, Tanga, Lindi, Moshi, Arusha) with around 2.500 kids from 8 to 18 years old playing hockey in around 50 primary and secondary schools.

About 100 Local players and sport teachers have been trained in the last years to be hockey coaches at grassroot level and many of them are now coaching hockey in schools and community level.

The Twende foundation is supporting locally young and motivated coaches to teach hockey at youth level by providing them technical support and material. Moreover, there are some coaches who are economically supported by the Foundation. Indeed, the coaches are all former players who have started to play hockey when the hockey project started in 2014. Those players who were more motivated than others, after receiving training, became our first coaches and started to go in schools to teach hockey.

In February 2019, we managed to bring 4 coaches, the most experienced, from Tanzania (2 boys and 2 girls, namely Sultan Kondo, Elieza Mwakamwema, Alice Ongoro and Rosemary Renatus) to attend the FIH coaching course organized in Nairobi by the Africa Hockey Federation in order to increase their knowledge, getting international exposure and use what they have learnt back home with their kids. We are building the future generation of hockey players in Tanzania by providing trained coaches.

At the same time, in collaboration with the Tanzania Hockey Association, we organized locally run youth leagues whereby the kids can play competing by each other in form of schools' leagues, but also make friends.

Currently the main school league is played in Dar Es Salaam (the biggest city in Tanzania, where also the core of the activities are) with two main categories played, the primary schools league, both girls and boys, and the secondary school league, where teams from secondary schools play together with community based teams of young players between 15 to 20 years old. The primary schools league (under 15) involves both boys

girls teams playing a 5-aside hockey, while the Under 20 league involves boys' and girls' teams playing 11 aside hockey.

2019 saw also the participation of four teams from two Tanzanian Secondary Schools at the East Africa Secondary School Competition: Juhudi Secondary School from Dar Es Salaam and Lindi Secondary School from Lindi. This event represents a great achievement for the development of hockey within the country.

HOCKEY TRAINING IN SCHOOLS

Currently we reach around 1500 boys and girls through our school program. Below is a list of schools where we teach divided by Regions, number of kids involved in each school divided by age and gender.

YOUTH HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS

In 2019 we managed to realize the following youth tournaments, thanks to the support of local and international support.

1. Dar es Salaam Regional Schools League and Senior Men's League

The annual schools' league Dar es salaam region took place from January to April 2019. It attracted a total of 12 teams (6 boys and 6 girls teams) from 8 secondary schools in the under 18 category and a total of 28 teams (17 boys and 11 girls teams) in under 14 category from 12 primary schools. The total number of players involved was 406.

The under 14 boys and the girls league was in 5 aside formats whereas the under 18 boys matches were played in the 11 aside format. The total number of players involved was 238 in under 14 (170 boys, 69 girls) and 168 players in under 18 (60 girls, 108 boys).

Also organised alongside the junior league was the men's senior league, which registered a total of 6 teams, including two secondary schools teams, Juhudi Secondary school and the JMK Park Combined Team *Dar Stars, one of the community teams founded by the pioneer coaches. The community teams such as this keep the youth in the sport, even after they complete high school.*

2. 19th Edition Federation of East Africa Secondary schools games

This is the biggest sporting competition involving schools in the East African region. It was the second time that Tanzania was participating. Tanzania was represented by two schools, Juhudi Secondary School from

Dar es salaam and Lindi Secondary School from Lindi. Each of the schools had a boys and a girls team and all four teams gave an excellent account of themselves. The teams coaches were Elizabeth George (for Juhudi Secondary School) and Elieza Mwankwemwa (Lindi).

The Most Valuable Player award in hockey was awarded to our very own Shakira Ally, from Juhudi Secondary. Shakira Ally started playing hockey in 2013 while she was in primary school under Coach Elieza Mwankemwa .Despite her tender age, she has represented the country in two under 21 competitions and 3 senior women's competitions.

3. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete (JMK) Park Open Youth Tournament

The JMK Park 5 aside Junior tournament which took place from 11th to 14th October in Dar es Salaam attracted a total of 44 teams, with each team registering 7 players. The teams came from 8 secondary and 12 primary schools within the Dar es Salaam schools hockey program run by Twende foundation.

Under 18 Boys: 15 teams (105 players)

Under 18 girls: 5 teams (35 players)

Under 14 Boys: 15 teams (168 players)

Under 14 girls: 9 teams (63 players)

The tournament brought together 140 under 18 (105 boys, 35 girls) and 168 under 14 (105 boys, 63 girls).

Alongside the tournament, a 3 day coaches' refresher course was conducted in Dar es Salaam involving 8 coaches (intermediate and advanced level) and a two day introduction coaching course in Lindi involving 50 beginner level coaches by expert coaches Valentina Quaranta and Nick Isbouts from Twende Foundation.