

Sport For Empowerment Newsletter 2010

In 2010 we have managed to make a small start with the sport project for the youth in Makeni.



"The purpose of Sport For Empowerment (SFE) is to create a positive learning environment in Makeni by starting a sport related education program for youth between 6 and 25 years. This way, they get the possibility to socialise and to develop together with their peers. At home and at school, these children usually don't get the opportunity to do so. Children are not being listened to and most people don't see the point of sports and games. This creates frustration among the youth and many ideas and talents get lost. SFE wants to make a positive change towards this."



The boys of a secondary school in Magburaka are getting tennis lessons.

Our priority now is to buy land in Makeni and to develop this for SFE.

Community health organisation "Diverz" from neighbour town Zwijndrecht has kicked off some activities for SFE in the past year. As part of a social work placement, a number of students have organised sponsor actions. They organised an hip hop event and made "wuppies" for children. We thank Diverz for its effort.



"Dance for Sierra Leone"

Tennis players of "Stichting Bevordering Ouderen Sport" (Foundation to encourage older people to exercise) from Dordrecht have collected rackets and donated the tennis balls at the end of the season. Thanks for that!

Besides that, tennis club CC from Dordrecht has promised two tennis nets and a number of people have donated sport clothing and shoes. This is very much appreciated.

As the amount that was available for us in 2010 was not enough to buy any land, we mainly used it for buying materials. We purchased balls, training equipment and tennisbats.



Out of chipboard we make tennis bats which are used by the boys for their tennis lesson!

In 2011 we will continue our efforts. We are hoping to collect enough materials and money so that we can hopefully purchase some land . Besides that, a lot of activities will be organised again for the youth of Makeni.

Once again, thank you for your contribution.
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