

**TEMPLATE FOR REPORTING ON RECENT INITIATIVES ON SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

*Strengthening the Organization of events and the preparation for Paralympic high performance athletes.*

*Provide a summary of the initiative, including a brief overview, proposed/actual outcomes and an assessment of any lessons learned and the way forward.*

**Please provide more details on the initiative below:**

The initiative came about after December 2017, when Asunción - Paraguay was elected Host of the next *Organización Deportiva Sudamericana* (ODESUR) Games - ASU- 2022. Colombia offered the experience built due to the recent organization of the XXIII edition of the Central American and Caribbean Sports Games, which were held in Barranquilla, Colombia, in 2018.

This project addressed this objective through exchanges between officials of the National Secretariat of Sports of Paraguay, the Ministry of Sport of Colombia, in the field of organization of large multisport events. The project also offered the possibility to exchange good practices about training in Paralympic Sports.

In the long-term, the project will allow the National Secretary of Sports of Paraguay to have officials trained in the Organization of major sporting events and capable of developing Paralympic Sports in Paraguay. For Colombia, it will strengthen its position as a provider of sports cooperation.

This initiative is developed in the framework of the Joint Committee for Sports, Culture and Education between Colombia and Paraguay.

<b>Objective(s)</b>	Please indicate which, if any, of the following dell among the main objectives of the initiative:	
	<b>Ensuring that no one is left behind</b>	Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world
	Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies	<b>Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality</b>
	Research development, data collection and/or data dissemination	Preventing and fighting corruption in sport
	Conflict Prevention / Peace Building	<b>Strengthened global framework on sport for development and peace</b>

	Policy development for mainstreaming and integrating sport for development and peace in development programmers and policies	<b>Resource mobilization, programming and implementation</b>
	Research, monitoring and evaluation	Other (please specify)
<b>Implementation Mechanisms:</b>	<b>What are the means/processes of implementation of the initiative?</b>	
	The project comprises, through its two years of implementation, numerous activities such as Courses, Workshops, Internships and Shadow Work to learn about the planning and execution of the games in Barranquilla.  Additionally, Colombia will offer its sport fields to Paralympic athletes from Paraguay.	
	<b>What are the main deliverables / activities involved?</b>	
	The Officials of the National Secretary of Sports of Paraguay gained experiences in the Organization of Multisport Games through their participation as observers in the XXIII Central American and Caribbean Sports Games Barranquilla 2018  The High-Performance Para-Athletes of Paraguay will have a fullest preparation for International sports competitions, which should be reflected upon their qualification to the Pan American Games Lima 2019.  The Officials of the National Secretary of Sports of Paraguay will also gain experiences in Paralympic sports and the initiative should help to classify some athletes to the Olympic and Paralympic Games of Tokyo 2020.	
<b>Target Audience(s):</b>	<b>What is the time frame of implementation?</b>	
	Starting on July 2018 until July 2020.	
	<b>Who are the beneficiaries of the proposed/implemented initiative?</b>	
	The direct beneficiaries were the Officials of the National Secretary of Sports of Paraguay and the Paraguayan Paralympic athletes, who exchanged knowledge with organizers of multisport mayor events and got trained in Paralympic Sports.	

<b>Partners/Funding</b>	<p><b>What are the main organizations/entities involved in the initiative and what are their roles in development and implementation?</b></p> <p>The Ministry of Sports of Colombia, the National Secretary of Sports of Paraguay, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of both countries and the Colombian National Agency for International Cooperation -APC Colombia.</p>
	<p><b>What are the main sources of funding of the initiative?</b></p> <p>The Colombian fund for International Cooperation and International Assistance (FOCAI), and the Funding by the National Secretary of Sports of Paraguay.</p>
<b>SDG Alignment</b>	<p><b>To what SDG goal/target/indicator is this initiative targeted?</b></p> <p>SDG 17 Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development</p> <p>SDG goal 17.6 Enhance North-South, South-South and triangular regional and international cooperation on and access to science, technology and innovation and enhance knowledge sharing on mutually agreed terms, including through improved coordination among existing mechanisms, in particular at the United Nations level, and through a global technology facilitation mechanism</p> <p>SDG goal 17.9 Enhance international support for implementing effective and targeted capacity-building in developing countries to support national plans to implement all the sustainable development goals, including through North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation</p> <p>SDG goal 17.16 Enhance the global partnership for sustainable development, complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to support the achievement of the sustainable development goals in all countries, in particular developing countries</p>
<b>Alignment with global frameworks:</b>	<p><b>How does this initiative align with/contribute to the objective s of the Kazan Action Plan, WHO Global Action Plan on Physical Activity or other relate internationally agreed frameworks on spot and/or physical activity?</b></p>

<p><b>Alignment with United Nations Action Plan on SDP:</b></p>	<p><b>Which of the four thematic areas of the UN Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace is this initiative designed to align?</b></p> <p>1. Strengthened global framework on sport for development and peace</p> <p>3. Resource mobilization, programming and implementation to promote innovative funding mechanisms and multi-stakeholder arrangements at all levels</p> <hr/> <p><b>To which action area(s) of the Plan is this initiative designed to contribute?</b></p> <p>1 (a) To strengthen a shared common vision and policy approach to guide the work of Member States and the United Nations system on sport for development and peace</p> <p>1 (b) To promote the development of a system-wide approach to the review and implementation of sport-based initiatives aimed at enhancing development and peace</p>
<p><b>Outcomes:</b></p>	<p><b>What are the expected /actual outcomes of the initiative?</b></p> <p>In the long-term, the project will allow the National Secretary of Sports of Paraguay to have officials trained in the Organization of major sporting events and capable of developing Paralympic Sports in Paraguay.</p> <p>For Colombia, the project will have strengthened its positioning as a provider of sports cooperation.</p>
<p><b>Mechanism for monitoring and evaluating implementation:</b></p>	<p>What are the mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the implementation, outcomes and impact of the initiative?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly follow-up meetings of the Joint Committee</li> <li>• Half term meeting of the Joint Committee</li> <li>• Follow-up by the Colombian National Agency for International Cooperation -APC Colombia</li> <li>• End of term meeting of the Joint Committee.</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>What are the specific monitoring and evaluation tools involved?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved project format with indicators and measurable goals.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Challenges / Lessons learned</b></p>	<p>What have been/were the main challenges to implementation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Execution of the project during governmental transition and purdah moments.</li> </ul>

What lessons learned have been /can be utilized in the planning of future initiatives?

- Accounting for electoral calendar when planning the activities and sources of funding can help prevent stalling in the execution of the cooperation projects.