

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

Transfer of Knowledge and good practices from Colombia to Tuvalu in Methodology for Children and Youth Soccer.

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:

Diplomatic relations among Colombia and Tuvalu were formally initiated on April 3, 2012.

Sports cooperation initiatives with Tuvalu are in the interest of the Government of Colombia, as it represents an opportunity to consolidate bilateral agendas with non-traditional foreign policy partners, particularly with Asia-Pacific countries. In this context, Colombian foreign policy identified Tuvalu as a country with potential for development of cooperation projects.

This initiative, built between 2017-2018, was the continuation of three previous activities (2014, 2015 and 2016). The first one, 2014, came to life after the Government of Tuvalu required support and training from Colombia for its coaches and soccer players.

The first of these activities included coaches linked to the National Sports School of Colombia, who held soccer training for 240 players (Funafuti, capital of Tuvalu minors) of the eight sport clubs on the island (Lakena, Nui, Tofaga, Manu Laeva, Niutao, Nauti, Tamanuku and Ha'apai). Training activities of local coaches worked techniques and tactics of the game and scouting skills, as well as advice for the formulation of the bases for a football development plan.

For the second phase, which took place in 2015, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of Tuvalu requested support in weightlifting. Finally, for the third phase, in 2016, a training program in track and field athletics (racing-jumping-throwing) was developed to prepare the athletes participating in the different national, local and international events.

In view of the results achieved by Tuvalu athletes in different regional competitions, such as the XV Pacific Games, the Government of Tuvalu expressed its interest of receiving cooperation in other disciplines and, in 2017, identified in Colombia an ally to continue reinforcing the practice of football (soccer).

This initiative was developed as a cooperation initiative from Colombia to Tuvalu.

Objective(s)

Please indicate which, if any, of the following dell among the main objectives of the initiative:

	Ensuring that no one is left behind	Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world
	Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies	Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality
	Research development, data collection and/or data dissemination	Preventing and fighting corruption in sport
	Conflict Prevention / Peace Building	Strengthened global framework on sport for development and peace
	Policy development for mainstreaming and integrating sport for development and peace in development programmers and policies	Resource mobilization, programming and implementation
	Research, monitoring and evaluation	Other (please specify)
Implementation Mechanisms:	What are the means/processes of implementation of the initiative?	
	<p>The project aimed at implementing a process of sports training schools in children and youth soccer in Tuvalu with technical support from Colombian soccer professionals.</p> <p>Equally important, it seek to strengthen relations between the Government of Colombia and the Government of Tuvalu through cooperation initiatives, knowledge transfer and good practices in sports and to improve the quality of the training processes of children and youth soccer players through the transfer of scientific and methodological knowledge of sports preparation.</p>	
	What are the main deliverables / activities involved?	
	<p>Analyze the quality of the training processes of the children and youth soccer players of Tuvalu and present a diagnostic document and recommendations.</p> <p>Conduct sports training with children's and youth teams in Tuvalu and with Tuvalu coaches in Colombia for an internship in "Children's sports training".</p>	

	Implement a methodological guide for the improvement in initial training and sports improvement of children's football in Tuvalu.
	<p style="text-align: center;">What is the time frame of implementation?</p> <p>One year, from October 2017- to October 2018</p>
Target Audience(s):	<p style="text-align: center;">Who are the beneficiaries of the proposed/implemented initiative?</p> <p>The direct beneficiaries were the Government of Tuvalu the Children and Youth Soccer players who exchanged knowledge with Colombian soccer coaches.</p>
Partners/Funding	<p style="text-align: center;">What are the main organizations/entities involved in the initiative and what are their roles in development and implementation?</p> <p>The National School of Sports of Colombia, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of Tuvalu, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of both countries and the Colombian National Agency for International Cooperation -APC Colombia.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What are the main sources of funding of the initiative?</p> <p>The Colombian fund for International Cooperation and International Assistance (FOCAI).</p>
SDG Alignment	<p style="text-align: center;">To what SDG goal/target/indicator is this initiative targeted?</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>

<p>Alignment with global frameworks:</p>	<p>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 sport and/or physical activity?</p> <p>Developing a Comprehensive Vision of Inclusive Access for All to Sport, Physical Education and Physical Activity.</p>
<p>Alignment with United Nations Action Plan on SDP:</p>	<p>Which of the four thematic areas of the UN Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace is this initiative designed to align?</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> <p>To which action area(s) of the Plan is this initiative designed to contribute?</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>Outcomes:</p>	<p>What are the expected /actual outcomes of the initiative?</p> <p>The project strengthened the relations between the Government of Colombia and the Government of Tuvalu through the knowledge transfer and good practices in sports and to improve the quality of the training processes of children and youth soccer players.</p> <p>For Colombia, the project will have strengthened its position as a provider of sports cooperation.</p>
<p>Mechanism for monitoring and evaluating implementation:</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"> • Follow-up by the Colombian National Agency for International Cooperation -APC Colombia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia. • Final report of the project.

	<p style="text-align: center;">What are the specific monitoring and evaluation tools involved?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved project format with indicators and measurable goals.
<p style="text-align: center;">Challenges / Lessons learned</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">What have been/were the main challenges to implementation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Tuvalu, there is a precarious installed capacity in terms of the national sports system. There are 8 sports clubs with a significant number of athletes; however, they have little knowledge about the development and operation of sports organizations. This makes it difficult to organize local competitions, as well as their participation in international competitions. In addition, all club members practice all sports; In this sense, this project guided Tuvalu coaches towards the formalization of the practice of sport and the implementation of selection and training methodologies for children and youth football.
	<p style="text-align: center;">What lessons learned have been /can be utilized in the planning of future initiatives?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colombia is a country with exemplary sport development in recent decades. The consolidation of a national sports policy has allowed the consolidation of federations and leagues, which has generated good results in international competitions. Sports in general are developed in all regions with high levels of demand for those who wish to practice them professionally and these strengths are recognized abroad making the country a receptor of demands for sport cooperation.