

Information of the Government of Montenegro regarding the implementation of the activates of the resolution 73/24 "Sport as an enabler of sustainable development"

"Title of initiative: „Improvement of school sports"

Objectives: Promotion of equality among boys and girls, increasing the accessibility of sports to a larger number of children, involving children from rural areas in school sports competitions, promotion of tolerance, fair play and sports values.

Implementation mechanisms: Organization of system of school competitions in volleyball, basketball, handball and football. It was organized 444 matches whereby it was included over 4.500 children from 70 schools from almost all towns of Montenegro. There was provided a free transportation for children from different towns of Montenegro. The competitions were organized in the period from September 2017 until June 2019.

Target audience: Primary school children

Partners/funding: The main organizer is Ministry of Sports and Youth and partners are Ministry of Education, national sports federations, primary schools. The project is financed from the budget of Ministry of Sports and Youth and through donations of our partners in this project as well.

SDG alignment: The project is connected with objectives recognized in The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, such as: quality education, gender equality and health.

Alignment with global frameworks: The project is connected with objectives of WHO Global Action Plan on Physical Activity as it contributes to increasing the physical activity of children, adoption of healthy habits and promotion of healthy lifestyles, i.e. creating a more physically active society; objectives contained in White Paper on Sports, for example improvement of public health through physical activity; objectives contained in Montenegro's Sports Development Strategy for the period 2018-2021.

Alignment with UN Action plan on SDP: Global framework for sport for development and peace.

Outcomes: Over 4.500 children included, children develop sporting spirit, learn about fair play and cultivate sporting values, it is promoted equality among participants of competition and it is promoted the importance of physical activity and healthy lifestyles among children.

Mechanism for monitoring and evaluating implementation: Ministry of Sports and Youth followed system of competitions continuously as well as involvement of children. In order to involve as many children as possible, adapted competition rules are created in cooperation with national sports federations. On a monthly level, coordinators of the competitions reported on played matches, results etc.

Challenges/Lessons learned: The challenge was provision of funding for transportation for children as well as for the organization of the entire competition. It is shown that it is possible to realize the whole idea through involvement of partners and good will of actors (teachers, referees, school directors).