



WATOTO WASOKA
FOOTBALL MADE IN SLUMS

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We celebrate yet another year of learning and growth, another year of social impact through football in Uganda.

Our health programmes received prestigious awards; in November we received the Sport Impact Award in Dakar for our BUREF mental health program and earlier in the year we were awarded with the iF Social Impact Prize as the designer of the Football 4 WASH programme co-funded by our dear friends of Viva con Agua. Despite significant financial challenges we were able to again support 100 boys and girls through our WYLA Scholarship scheme and give these young people access to quality primary and secondary education which they would otherwise not have had.

Our events continue to grow, with the Slums Derby reaching more than 2,000 boys and girls while the Christmas Camp reached the 3,000-mark in attendance.

The schools league continues to grow, with 59 schools participating in the league in 2023 and the gender programme continues to offer very good insights on what girls can achieve through sport.

We continue to learn and unlearn; the next years will offer us an opportunity to re-focus on our strategic planning, and to maximise our impact through football.

As we share these stories with you, we want to thank the partners, donors and supporters who made it possible for us; the volunteers, coaches and especially the young people who continue to inspire us and give meaning to our work. We are proud of what we continue to achieve together.

The passion and commitment of my team is nothing I take for granted, and I am very proud to lead one of the most inspiring team of young men and women dedicated to the most beautiful cause.

For, and on behalf of the children.

Francis Mugoya
Executive Director



About Us:



Watoto Wasoka is a youth-led sport for development organisation in Uganda. We envision a world in which every child is empowered to learn and thrive through play. Thus, we create intentional opportunities for young people to survive, play and learn, in a safe environment.

We develop and implement adapted football games called “drills” to engender health outcomes. This includes training and empowering community coaches as health facilitators, play-based health sessions led by children, as well as football leagues.

We, as well, support to access education through various schools’ leagues as well as leadership and scholarship schemes.

We organise some of the biggest football events for youth in East Africa (if not Africa), with our last Slums Derby attracting more than 2,100 kids, while the last Christmas Camp was attended by almost 3,000 boys and girls from all over Uganda.

Our Purpose

Vision

A world in which every child learns and thrives to their full potential.

Mission

To mobilise, educate and empower slum children through football, one game at a time.

Our Values



People. Every participant and team member develops



Integrity. Honesty with participants and partners



Respect. Fair, generous and respect for everyone



Fun. Fun and enjoyment from what everyone does

Where we work



Area code: Kampala Metropolitan, and around Uganda



65% of Kampala is slum areas, and poor health and living conditions are customary



Our beneficiaries: young people 8–17 year-old boys and girls



Conditions: absolute poverty, poor housing conditions, lack of access to health services, poor quality education, limited access to organised sport, emotional and family instability



Sport is a joyous escape; effective to survive, learn and thrive



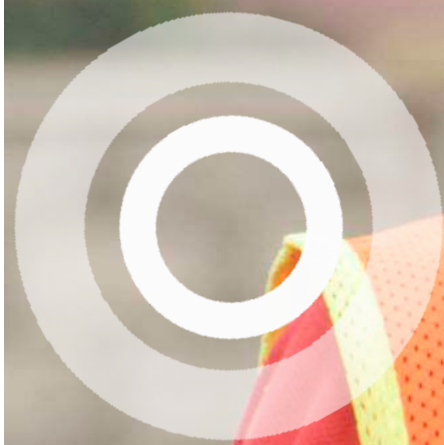
Our link: Community coaches, school teachers, youth teams and volunteers





What we do

A. Health Education





WASH

Using Football 4 WASH to promote good sanitation and hygiene through football drills and health messaging on water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH).



Mental Health

Building Resilience through Football (BUREF).
Using football to promote mental well-being, social cohesion and build resilience.



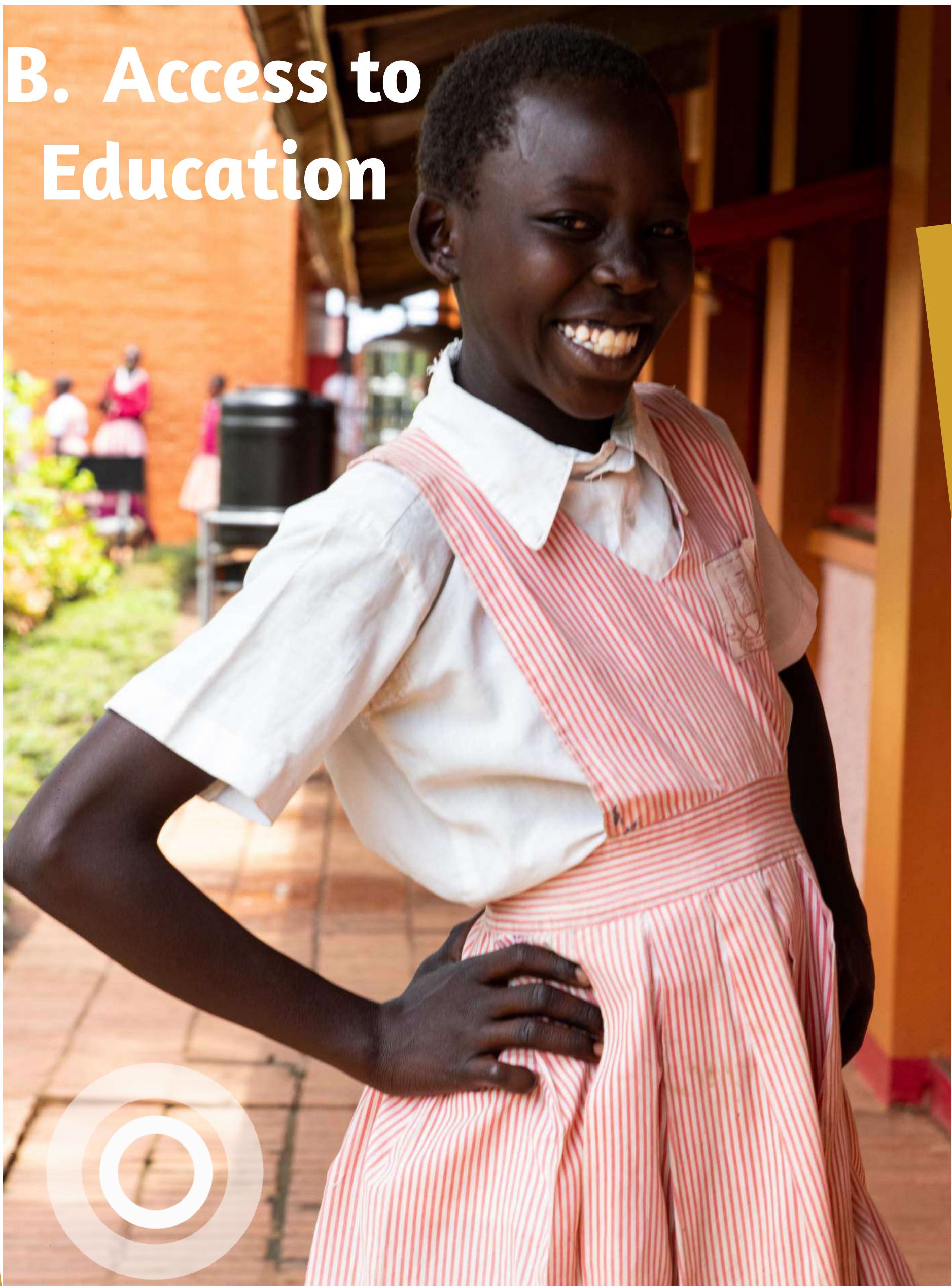
Sexual Education

Using Football for Sexual Health Education (FOSHE) through adapted games/drills.

BUREF video highlights



B. Access to Education





Scholarships

The Wasoka Young Leaders Awards (WYLA) offers tuition support for underprivileged boys and girls in primary and secondary school.



Primary Schools League

Engaging schools across the country to offer sports scholarships and bursaries through football leagues.



After-school programme

Offering homework support and library services to a section of boys and girls in our community.

100 WYLA Scholarship beneficiaries in 2023
50 boys. **50** girls



Primary Schools League 2023 Highlights



59 schools



881
players [760 boys, 121 girls]



8 districts across Uganda



Winners

Boys U14: KCCA Busega Community P/S
Boys U12: Kampala Grammar junior Sch.
Girls U14: Habanoomu Quality Academy

Primary Schools League 2023

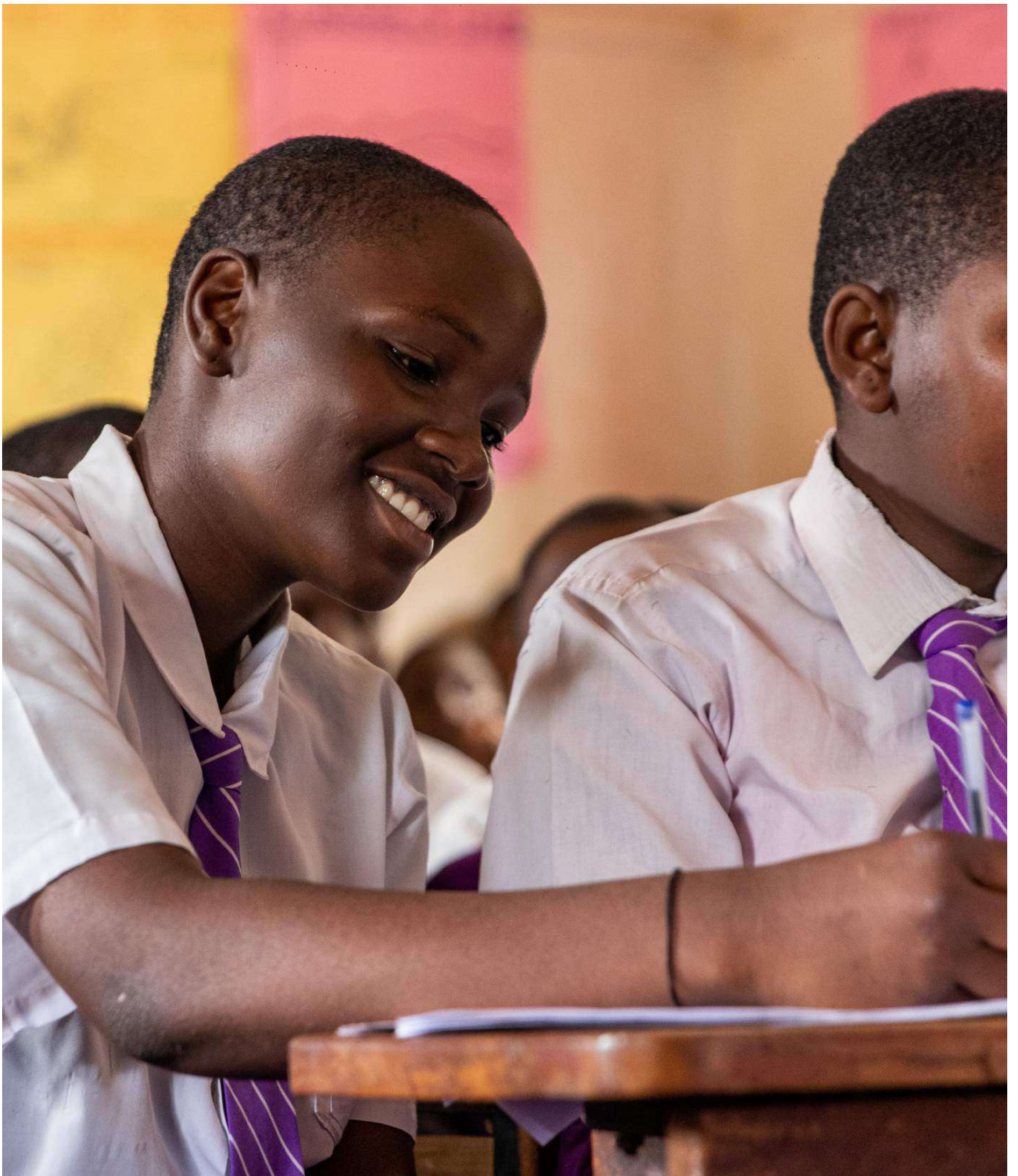
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Being selected for the Wasoka Young Leaders Awards (WYLA) scholarship, I managed to complete my Primary Leaving Exams (PLE) with no inconveniences for the whole year and I managed to pass very well. Thank you Watoto Wasoka for the support.

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Nakayega Shevan (Superheroes United Soccer Academy)

C. Gender Equality





Girls' football

Our commitment to advancing gender equality through girls' football tournaments and empowerment of female coaches.



Menstrual Health management (MHM)

Supporting girls through offering menstrual health education and menstrual products.



Women's Derby

A football festival in celebration of girls' football and the International Women's Day.

2023 Women's Derby



Busega Community School



392 girls



30 teams



2 days

Winners



Winners – Byamukama, Wakiso
Runners Up – Jinja Progressive School (JIPRA)





“

I was happy to be part of the Women's Derby and managed to lead my team to being crowned champions this year. I thank Watoto Wasoka for giving more girls an opportunity to play football. I want to play for the national team in the

Ayerango Prisca (Byamukama)

”

D. Access to Sport





Sparta 09

Our own internal teams and the matchmaker for the future of some of our participants from U-9s with a few alumni making it to national teams.



Christmas Camp

An annual camp of football that brings together 3,000+ children from all over Uganda to compete and to learn, to feast and make new friends.



Slums Derby

An annual football festival that brings together 2,000+ slums children from Kampala and beyond, for the best two-days of their year.

Slums Derby



Makerere University



134 teams (96 boys' teams, 38 girls' teams)



2,174 children



Winners Boys

Winners Boys U13: Katale Progressive,
Runners up: AwakulaEnnume



Winners Girls

Winners Girls U14: Nakukuba Arrows,
Runners up: El Cambio Academy

SLUMS DERBY 2023

video highlights



Christmas Camp 2023

📍 Ganyana Junior School, Jezza



2,797 children



210 girls



20 volunteers



197 coaches



447 games



1,621 goals



Winners

U15: Sparta 09
U13: Anna Marie Academy
U11: Big Talent Academy
Girls: Allianz Girls team

Christmas Camp 2023/24

video highlights



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Sparta 09 highlights



U15 Champions at Watoto Wasoka Christmas camp

National Champions U13 At UYFA championships in Mbarara



Winners: LaLiga El Clasico U15 tournament (both boys' and girls' categories)



“

I was named the MVP at the CAF Pan African Schools East African Championship in Nairobi and helped my school (St. Mary's School, Kitende) to become winners and qualify for the African Schools Championship. I captained my team to the Christmas Camp U-15s championship where I was also named the MVP. I thank Watoto Wasoka for giving us opportunities to play.

”

Kyakuwa Ashraf (Sparta 09)

Roke Telkom CSR and community tournament



Football



Food



Give away materials



Kids' home support

Roke Telkom CSR Outreach

video highlights



Awards and recognition



iF Social Impact Award
Football 4 WASH (Winner, 2023)



Sport Impact Awards (Dakar, Senegal)
BUREF project (Winner, Sport and Health category)



Partner spotlight



A Partner project visit
by La Guilde



ISA game community
festival – Lunguja
playground

Financial review

1. Revenue = 143,955 EUR

Revenue	EUR
Grants	97,000
Football Industry	11,900
Donations	5,365
Contributions	2,690
Registrations and membership	4,500
Others	15,000
Awards & Prize money	7,500
Total Revenue	143,955



2. Expenses = 135,967 EUR

Expenses	EUR
Programmes	94,946
Admin and overheads	33,226
Fundraising	2,345
Retained	5,450
Total Expenses	135,967

It takes a team



**Coaches
&
Volunteers**



**Friends
&
Family**



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