



streetfootballworld "festival 06" – The 24 participating teams

1 Defensores del Chaco, Buenos Aires (Argentina)

Playing a bit of football together instead of just hanging around formed the beginning of the 'Defensores del Chaco' project. In 1994 a cultural and sports centre was built in Chaco Chico, a neglected suburb of Buenos Aires. The center is now visited by around 1200 children and young people and offers art and music courses alongside football and other sports. In addition, young people can take courses to become football trainers or cultural workers.

2 The Peres Center for Peace, Tel Aviv (Israel)

Israelis and Palestinians fight together for the ball instead of fighting over land and religion. The Peres Center for Peace, founded in 1996 by the Nobel Peace Prize winner Shimon Peres, wants to contribute to reconciliation through sport, culture and education. An Israeli-Palestinian team plays in the Israeli indoor football league. Furthermore, in so-called Twinned Soccer Schools Israeli and Palestinian youngsters meet regularly to play football together.

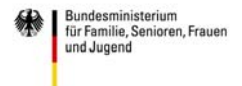
3 Mathare Youth Sports Association (MYSA), Nairobi (Kenya)

All hands ready to collect rubbish, sweep the streets or build sewers – this too is a way of gaining points in the championship. The project started in 1987 as the first street football project in Africa. 'Healthy sportspeople need a healthy environment' is the motto. Boys and girls from 16 slums take part in the programmes. Also on offer are training courses for referees and coaches as well as cultural and educational programmes.

4 Street League, London (England)

Homeless people, former drug addicts and socially disadvantaged young people play football in the Street League, formed in 2001. Points won can be used for educational courses or clothing. In England the Street League has around 40 teams, 24 of which are in London. Boys and girls from the age of 16 can participate. The project is currently being expanded to Scotland and Turkey.

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5 Soccer in the Streets, Atlanta (USA)

"No drugs, no crime, just soccer" is the guideline of 'Soccer in the Streets'. The project was established in 1989 in Atlanta, Georgia and is above all addressed to Hispanic and African-American youngsters. There are now projects in existence in twenty-two cities across the country. They are centred on so-called 'street boxes' (weatherproof, small-sized playing courts) and the 'soccer bus', equipped with information and educational material that combine playing football with education.

6 Straßenfußball für Toleranz, Potsdam (Germany)

The project was started in Brandenburg state in 2000 as a signal against the right. Boys and girls play football together for tolerance and against xenophobia. Through playing football they acquire team spirit and the courage to stand up for their beliefs. There are no referees and at the end fairness points are awarded. Meanwhile, projects in several other German states are also playing according to the 'Street football for tolerance' method.

7 Diambars, Dakar (Senegal)

Pupils at the Diambars academy in Senegal are meant to become champions both in football and in life. Current and former football professionals such as Patrick Vieira, Bernard Lama, Jean-Marc Adjovi-Bocco and Saer Seck set up the project to give homeless children or orphans a school education. Every year the academy accepts 48 children aged 13. They spend half the time playing football and other sport, and half inside the school room.

8 Fútbol por la Paz, Bogotá (Colombia)

Football instead of violence is the starting point of the project that was set up in Medellin in 1997. The project 'Football for peace' uses the sport as a tool for social integration, shows ways out of the spiral of violence and reclaims streets and squares as playing areas. Only those without weapons or drugs are allowed on the pitch. The project is working in several conflict areas in Colombia.

9 Search & Groom, Lagos (Nigeria)

In football-crazy Nigeria the football pitch serves as an ideal place for initiating anti-Aids campaigns, which over time can reach millions of people. While playing the game, young people are informed about the dangers connected with HIV infection. 'Search and Groom' was set up in 2003 and organizes training camps, workshops and street football leagues that are supported by Nigerian football professionals. It also provides basic community services.

10 Streetfootball Norway, Oslo (Norway)

No football match without Hip Hop: It is not only the goals that count in this project that was set up in 2004 and is supported by the Norwegian Football Association. Points can also be gained by those who put on the best show on the pitch. The matches are accompanied by street sounds. The project's target group are 13 to 19 year-olds who are uncomfortable in established organisations and clubs.

11 Street Football Future - Learn & Play, Kabul (Afghanistan)

Ruins form the backdrop for street footballers in Afghanistan. The prospect does not deter the Afghan youths in any way, however, as they are finally able to enjoy booting the ball around after years of suppression. In 2003, FIFA coach Holger Obermann and the former Afghan international Ali Askar Lali started this project as a first step towards a more peaceful future. 800 boys and girls have participated to date.

12 Football pour la Paix, Kigali (Rwanda)

"Espérance" ('Hope') expresses the essence of a project founded in a region of Central Africa that was ravaged by civil war. More than ten years after the genocide in Rwanda, it points to ways of reconciliation between Hutus and Tutsis. Boys and girls from both communities unite to play football and thus manage to overcome the horrors of war. The project encompasses the entire region of the Great Lakes, including parts of Uganda, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

13 Football Friends Balkan - Streetfootball for Peace and Tolerance, Belgrade/Skopje/Sarajevo (the Balkans)

Ever since the end of the Balkan wars, footballs have begun to roll once more. Under the umbrella of the Belgrade foundation 'Football Friends Balkan', projects are actively under way in Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, and Bosnia-Herzegovina. They are addressed to socially disadvantaged youths, refugees, and particularly to young Roma and Sinti.

14 Centro para el Desarrollo de la Inteligencia (CDI), Asunción (Paraguay)

The youngest are just six years old: in the education centre CDI in Paraguay the little ones are already learning for life through football. The girls and boys being supported in the capital city Asunción are children who would otherwise hardly have any opportunities. As well as football there are education and training courses to foster the children's diverse talents. The project leader for football is Luis Fernando Ramirez, a well-known football commentator in Paraguay.

15 Escuelas Deporte y Vida, Lima (Peru)

'School for Sport and Life' is the title of the project in the Peruvian capital city Lima. Through their enthusiasm for football, disadvantaged children and young people can also be motivated to learn for school. Tutors help with their homework, there are theatre, music and dance courses, as well as opportunities for psychological care and food aid. The children learn solidarity, social integration and team spirit – on and off the football pitch. Around 1200 young Peruvians take part, recently a country-wide street football league has been initiated.

16 Centro Cultural San Isidro, Santa Cruz (Bolivia)

Playing football forms the focus of life in the cultural center of San Isidro in Santa Cruz, the second biggest city of Bolivia. It is a rule here that in street football tournaments organized in this quarter of town one girl at least must be a team member. Among the varied offers made are also taking part in a marathon run, a library set up of donated books, and regular film shows.

17 Play Soccer, Accra (Ghana)

The umbrella organization covering 'Play Soccer' has its headquarters in Princeton, USA. It is active in Africa and South East Asia, in countries such as Zambia, Malawi, South Africa, Senegal, and China. The "festival 06" team consists of youngsters from Ghana. The focus is on teaching football rules and techniques as well as educating young people in health, hygiene and other social subjects. Reading and writing classes for the illiterate are also offered.

18 KickAIDS, Pretoria (South Africa)

In the township of Soshanguve, located in the South African capital Pretoria, 'KickAIDS' is attempting to make young people more aware of the dangers of HIV infection. This project was initiated at the beginning of 2004 with the help of the German Association for Technological Cooperation (GTZ). The program is aimed at six- to eighteen-year-old boys and girls. As a regular feature of their football training they receive information about all aspects of the AIDS problem.

19 SASI Barka, Poznań (Poland)

The Polish team SASI Barka will take part in the festival 06 as a 'special guest'. It represents the Homeless World Cup, a movement founded in 2003 for those who have no place to go. The Polish team was established in Poznan in 2002 and came second in the 2005 Edinburgh Homeless World Cup. SASI Barka is now also organizing a Polish street football championship.

20 Vive Fútbol, San José (Costa Rica)

Child labour, crime, alcohol and drug abuse define everyday life in San José's district, Los Hatillos. Many young people drop out of school. Vive Fútbol directly approaches youths playing football on the streets and invites them to participate in organised competitions. In addition to sporting activities, psychological support involving their parents is offered to the youngsters.

21 Sokak Ligi, Ankara (Turkey)

In six Turkish cities 14- to 18-year-old youngsters living rough are being coached by professional football trainers. While they train and play against each other, they are being watched by social workers and youth therapists who monitor the progress made by each individual. The movement models itself on the English Street League. The setting up in Turkey of these projects is accompanied by the British Council, the international organization representing British education and culture.

22 Fundação Eprocad & Jovem Cidadão, São Paulo & Maranhão (Brazil)

The team from Brazil is formed by two projects: the foundation "Eprocad" promotes values such as respect and solidarity through football in the favelas of Santana de Parnaíba, on the outskirts of São Paulo. The project "Jovem Cidadão" is active in nine cities across north eastern Brazil. Its aim is to make football, culture and education available to young people in the country's poorest regions.

23 CHIGOL, Santiago de Chile (Chile)

The hitherto deserted squares in the slum quarters of Santiago de Chile are filled with life once more by streetfootball and related offers to kids. The project gets through to youths who cannot be reached otherwise. By involving themselves in this project they set themselves up as models for youths of the same age. Apart from conveying social competence, CHIGOL also looks after quite practical improvements such as setting up new street lamp posts.

24 fx united, Berlin (Germany / Host Team)

Football unites – even the two Berlin districts Friedrichshain and Kreuzberg that were divided by the wall. The host team "fx united" is formed by the youth centres of what is now a united borough. Four different nationalities are represented by the young girls and boys on the team, all of whom are active members of their community. Training sessions, English courses and a visit to "Street League" in England are all on the team's programme.