

Enhancing School Enrolment and Complimentary Education through Football

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Background

- **PLAY SOCCER** South Africa is registered in South Africa as a national nonprofit NGO and as a Section 21 Company
- **PLAY SOCCER** is an implementing partner of the Federation International de Football Association's (FIFA) Football for Hope movement, alongside FIFA's strategic partners, including WHO, UNICEF, streetfootballworld
- The **PLAY SOCCER holistic program** is designed for children, **ages 5-14**. The program operates **year round** and includes one **weekly 2 hour sessions** of health/physical and social development life skills along with soccer skills and training.
- The sport of soccer is the foundation of the program, providing a low cost, fun activity with universal appeal. **The program is recreational, community based, accessible and open to all.**
- The other **PLAY SOCCER** national organizations currently include **PLAY SOCCER** Ghana, Cameroon, Malawi, Zambia, and Senegal.



The Programme

- The curriculum is comprehensive with 48 weeks of curriculum divided in two levels with sessions that include the three core components – health/physical, social development life skills, and soccer training and development.
- The sessions also support basic literacy and arithmetic skills. All these educational program activities take place on the playing field in a participatory environment.
- In the **health/physical component** children are introduced to the basics of health. They learn how their bodies work, and what they can do to promote their own well-being.
- The **social development component** focuses on respect of oneself and others, cooperation, teamwork, fair play, leadership, peaceful solution of conflicts, gender equality, and more.
- The **soccer component** focuses on the development of soccer skills. ALL children participate and play, regardless of their skill level, and learn teamwork, fair play and the discipline of the sport.



Education Enhancement

- The program begins in early childhood because this is the optimal time to encourage learning and personal growth and to create life-long benefits.
- Our 48 Week curriculum is consulted with educators and is closely aligned to the Life Orientation classes taught in the classroom
- The social components such as honesty, integrity and respect are carefully integrated in the curriculum to enhance the child's life and education standards.
- Activities in health component include learning the physiology of the human body (for example, eyes, ears, lungs, teeth and muscles). Sanitation, immunization, disease prevention are among the other topics included.
- The participation of girls to promote gender equality is particularly encouraged.

