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## Editorial Note

**Dear Reader,**

Welcome to the first edition of the Tunaweza newsletter in 2017, a monthly publication that highlights major achievements and inspirational stories from girls and staff of Moving The Goalposts that will inspire, motivate and encourage girls and women leadership in Coastal Kenya.

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## Launch of League Activities



The annual registration came to an end in February, 2017 with over 8000 girls and young women registering as MTG beneficiaries. Thereafter, Moving The Goalposts launched its league activities in Kilifi and Kwale Counties. The event doubled up to be a commemoration of the International Women's day with the theme ' Be Bold For Change'. We appreciate the support of our donors, partners and other stakeholders; among them Women Win, Naz Foundation India, GAIN, CREAM, Soroptimist Mombasa, Plan International, National Government, Kilifi & Kwale County Government and the entire MTG community for making the day successful. Selected MTG girls from

all the league fields got an opportunity to play football, participate in football drills to pass nutrition message and amplify their voices by reciting poems, cultural dances and role plays in Mnarani Grounds, Kilifi and Vyongwani Primary school in Kwale. Are you aware that Vyongwani league field is one of the new fields formed this year as MTG works towards expanding to other areas in Kwale? You will soon be informed about the new areas of operations as we work towards impacting the lives of girls and young women not only in Kilifi and Kwale but also in other counties in Coastal Kenya. We encourage you to be active in all organized MTG league activities like football practice, league matches, peer education sessions, Tumanyane and players meetings to make this year more successful. Tunaweza!!!

## MTG will now implement Activities in Kwale as a County and not as a Division!

Good news for MTG participants in Kwale County, MTG will in 2017 start organizing independent programs in Kwale. Girls in Kwale will have their own Residential camp, launched first ever league competitions whose finals will be in November and hosted the first ever secondary school tournament. We congratulate all our girls in Kwale and our stakeholders for this great milestone. "MTG Kwale County Tunaweza!"

## MTG Wins the Global Goals World Cup Tournament



Moving the Goalposts are the winners of this year's Global Goals World Cup Tournament, held at Impala Sports club in Nairobi on 5th March 2017. The World cup was started in 2015 to mobilize girls and women globally to take the development agenda into their own hands by joining the tournament in their countries and setting a team of 5-8 female soccer players for the tournament. MTG United Team led by their coach Fathime Tibu, played for Sustainable Goal 5. The team had an amazing performance by playing the first match against Mama's United and MTG won 3-0. In the second match MTG United managed to secure 3-0 win against Ethiopian Lucy. The third match was against the UNEP Team which MTG won 4-0, and booked a slot in quarter finals where they played against Shining Women and won 5-0. This led to the semifinals where MTG secured a 0-0 draw against Wale Wazito and proceeded to finals by virtue of having more points. The final match was against Zero Hunger Heroes and MTG won 1-0. The next destination will be New York in September 2017 where the world finals will be held. This is a great platform for Moving the Goalposts to showcase the power of sports for development and the talent that girls and women have in playing football. Are you proud of the MTG united team? Would you love to be among the players travelling abroad next time? This is your time to start participating in MTG football practices to gain more skills and nurture your talent. It is never too late.

## MTG's launches its Mobile Library Project



Do you still remember the Kilifi Gold Triathlon held in September 2016? Perhaps you participated during the event or read about it in the previous Tunaweza newsletters. Moving The Goalposts was the recipient of the Kshs. 1 Million raised during the triathlon aimed at supporting the organization to add a mobile library to its education program. The good news is that the Mobile Library has been officially launched for you to benefit from the library services. The launch took place at Tsagwa league field with many activities being carried out during the day. The players from Tsagwa league field performed traditional dances and recited poems to pass information about parental responsibilities, child rights and importance of education. Kenya National Library Services in Kilifi provided tablets for story telling sessions with the children. Digital Opportunity Trust also offered a computer session to the pupils who were very happy to use the information technology and of course the day could not end without a football match from MTG football players in Tsagwa league field. We will be soon visiting your league field this year with the mobile library to provide relevant and accessible collection of resource materials to promote reading culture among pupils and the community at large.

### Hope through MTG by Rose Mariga



I am Rose Mumbere Mariga from Mnarani league field. I joined Moving The Goalposts in 2008 when I was in class four. I got an opportunity to be elected as the field leader in 2015. My main responsibility was to ensure that all the league activities were carried out well and that all the field committee members and players adhere to the MTG rules and code of conduct. I am very grateful for the leadership skills I gained in MTG and more so for the educational support I got when I was among the beneficiaries of Pathways project grant which contributed towards my secondary education by paying part of the school fees. I was able to learn and concentrate in my education despite the financial challenges we experienced at home. I had spent a whole term at home before the intervention of Moving The

Goalposts. I was forced to stay back at home and wait for my parents to look for the school fees which never succeeded. I am so happy because MTG restored my hopes in education which enabled me to complete my secondary education at St. Thomas Girls Secondary School in Kilifi. I am currently a volunteer at Moving The Goalposts where I assist in data entry under the Monitoring and Evaluation Department. The allowances I usually get has helped me to cater for my personal needs and pay my college fees where I study Information Technology during evening classes. My career goal is to become an Accountant and I am looking forward to join school of accountancy in June, 2017. My message to my fellow MTG players is to participate actively in MTG activities, keep on working hard and to never give up in life because everything is possible. I am proud to be part of MTG. Tunaweza is our slogan.

## The Confidence in me by Lilian Manoso



My name is Lilian Manoso from Rare league field, my journey in MTG started in 2014 when I registered as one of the players from Rare League Field. By then I was in class 6. I started playing during league matches and frequently attended the weekly football practices, peer education sessions and other organized activities like community service. Through my active participation I was selected to be trained as one of the Tackle Africa coaches that would help other girls to learn about HIV/AIDs prevention through football drills. With the support and the encouragement of other MTG TackleAfrica senior coaches, I gained confidence and became courageous. Now the elder MTG girls are enjoying my interactive sessions together with other girls and community members who are not part of MTG program. They are all proud of me and admire my confidence to talk about reproductive health issues such as HIV/AIDs without any fear. I joined Bale Secondary school this year after completion of my primary education in 2016. I am working towards achieving my career goals. Long live MTG.

## Leadership Award Winners

We recognize the players' commitment in participating in the organized MTG league activities throughout the year. The education and livelihood department awarded two hundred and thirty players who actively participated in 2016 MTG activities. The criteria for selecting the winners was determined by the number of sessions attended during peer education, community services, football practices and league matches. The award winners have been provided with school fees and levies for those who are in primary and secondary schools. The out of school girls were given start-up capital for their proposed businesses to generate income to become financially independent. Payment of school levies is a way of improving access to education for our girls as well as promoting retention, completion and transition of education bearing in mind that Kilifi and Kwale have been ranked among the counties with low literacy level. In 2017, girls will no longer fill in the award scheme form. The award winners will be determined by; match report, football practice attendance, peer education attendance lists and all attendance lists for MTG activities. Ensure that you sign one when you are present. In the next Tunaweza Edition we will share with you the list of winners 2016.

## Code of Conduct and Child Protection for Teams and Players

In order to enhance our efforts towards keeping children safe, MTG has developed a code of conduct for teams and players to promote appropriate behavior between girls. The Code of Conduct clearly describes professional boundaries, ethical behavior and unacceptable behavior. You can read more about it below to familiarize yourself with it and share the information with your fellow players to promote positive behavior during league activities.

- Promote fair play and discourage unsupportive behaviour.
- Respect the rules and not to include players who are not your team members .
- Act as a good role model for others
- Respect the rules, the officials, the fans and fellow players and other team players.
- Do not use alcohol or other illegal substances during the MTG Leagues.
- Promote and build healthy leader/player relationships that are based on respect and are not abusive
- Make sure your own behaviour is calm and respectful and be clear about the standards of behaviour you expect from other players who include children and young people.
- If there is anger and disagreements between players, as a leader, call a time out and try to resolve the issues calmly
- Do not ignore any player/child or refuse to allow them access to basic necessities
- Do not try to punish any player/child by mocking, teasing ,or laughing at them or trying to embarrass them in front of others
- Do not behave sexually towards fellow player/child or touch them in a sexual way
- Do not hit or strike any player/child as a punishment for bad behaviour
- Be aware of places to get help to treat sports injuries safely, to minimise further harm or infection
- Do everything you can to make sure that the physical environment where the players/children in your care are playing, is as safe and appropriate as possible
- Be aware that MTG has a Child Protection Policy that relates to this Code of Conduct that applies to you.

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