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Editorial Note

Dear Reader,

Welcome to August edition of the MTG's Tunaweza newsletter, a monthly publication that highlights major achievements and inspirational stories of our work in empowering girls and young women through football in Coastal Kenya. In this edition, you are going to read interesting stories about the winners of MTG Primary School tournament in Kilifi and Kwale Counties, East Africa Cup tournament held in Moshi -Tanzania and celebration of Fathers' Day. We also have significant stories from our girls.

Girls and young women from MTG league fields are encouraged to write their stories to be featured in Tunaweza Newsletter. You can submit your story or poem to your field leader, divisional assistant or any other MTG staff to reach the editorial desk for publishing.

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Father's Day Celebrations

Moving The Goalposts held its first ever Fathers Conference which brought together fathers and male guardians drawn from communities in Kwale and Kilifi Counties. The conference was held in commemoration of the Father's day marked on an annual basis globally to honor fathers, celebrate fatherhood and recognize their influence in the society. It was a great opportunity for the male parents to discuss issues affecting their daughters such as poor menstrual hygiene management and how some of these challenges could be mitigated. The discussions were tailored around the theme "Fathers at the forefront of Gender equality". The Chief Guest; James Ouma discussed with the participants their role as fathers in gender equality with emphasis on importance of fathers' close relationship and presence in the lives of their children. Below are some of the remarks made by male parents who attended the conference.



"We should guide our children to enable them make right choices about their lives. We have the responsibility to take care of them and help them go about their daily lives in this cruel world. Change starts with us fathers, let us do our best and keep our children safe. It is high time we take a lead role in ensuring safe space for our girls," Lilian Dama's father from Rare.

"It is still our mandate to provide our girls with menstrual hygiene materials despite all the challenges we are facing such as poverty. If we do this, we will prevent our daughters from being vulnerable to peer pressure and other forms of exploitation. Let us all join hands to work with Moving The Goalposts to empower the girl child," Mwanamisi Ali's father from Jorori.



"Above all, we need to work hard as fathers to provide basic needs to our children and in this case right to education is key. This will help them to be of great value to the nation and enable them depend on themselves even when we will no longer be there because education is power," Mary Moto's father from Mikomani.



"MTG values fathers because we believe that they can champion for girls' rights and gender equality in the community. It is also good to understand that gender equality does not mean that we are the same, it simply means that letting the person do what he or she is capable of doing. Our children need our presence more than our presents," Charles Koech, MTG's Young Men as Equal Partners Officer.



MTG Under 16 team participates in East Africa Cup Tournament

Moving The Goalposts under 16 team were the runners up of the East Africa Cup tournament 2017 held in Moshi, Tanzania. The team played against Street Tanzania that resulted into a 1-1 draw during the first match and a win of 1 – 0 in their second match with both goals being scored by Pendo Kaingu from Mnarani league field. The team proceeded to quarter finals to play against Mathare Youth Sports Association (MYSA) and won 2-1 with goals from Martha Zawadi from Ndugumnani and Mwanaisha Nindala from Mdzongoloni.

MTG United under 16 team qualified for the finals and played against YES Tanzania. The match ended in 1- 1 draw which led to penalty shoot outs. Apart from being the runners up of the East Africa Cup tournament, one of the players; Martha Zawadi from Ndugumnani was awarded as the best girl for fair play. Her trophy was officially handed over to her during the final matches of MTG's primary school tournament held in Mnarani Grounds in Kilifi County. “ I am very happy to receive the fair play award. It is always good to consider fair play during any match because it is the most important thing in football. I thank MTG for helping me understand that fair play is equally important as winning the match. I would like to urge everyone to promote fair play and team work in football especially my fellow girls in the league fields. This trophy was awarded to me but it also belongs to the MTG United under 16 team because without them I could have not played,” said Martha Zawadi during an interview.

This is the second time Moving The Goalposts is being recognized for fair play during East Africa cup tournament. Congratulations to all MTG United under 16 team for the great work they did in Moshi, Tanzania. Tunaweza!



Moving The Goalposts' Primary School Tournament



Primary School tournament is an annual event organized by Moving The Goalposts (MTG) to bring together girls' football teams from primary schools within Kilifi and Kwale counties. Girls who participate in this tournament receive reproductive health and rights information through peer education sessions including HIV Testing and counselling services. All the leadership roles during the MTG Primary School tournament are always taken up by girls and young women.

Kilifi County

Marafiki primary School from Kilifi North Sub-County were crowned the winners of the 15th edition of the annual MTG Primary School tournament in Kilifi County. The event was held at MTG grounds in Kilifi with six teams qualifying for semifinals; Marafiki Primary from Kilifi North Sub-County, Chanagande Primary School from Kaloleni, Paziani Primary School from Bamba, Malomani Primary School from Ganze, Petanguo Primary School from Ganze and Bogamachuko Primary School from Vitengeni; all in Ganze sub-County.

Marafiki Primary School scored (2-0) against Paziani Primary during a thrilling final match. They first beat Malomani Primary School with 3-0 in their pool matches followed by 2-0 win against Bogamachuko Primary School. This is the second time Marafiki Primary School takes the trophy home as the winners of the Primary School tournament with their first win being in 2016.

Paziani Primary School found their way to the final with a 3-0 win against Chanagande Primary School and another 2-0 win against Petanguo Primary School during pool matches.



Moving The Goalposts was honored to have the vice president of Football Kenya Federation; Doris Petra as the Chief Guest. Besides her were other guests from National Council for Population and Development, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Gender and Sports, CREAM and Sports for Real Change organization. The vice president encouraged the players to make good use of their time and work hard towards achieving their goals. She added that football is a great platform for girls to explore their talents and encouraged them never to give up. She also donated twenty footballs and two boxes of

sanitary towels to the teams that participated in the tournament.

Kwale County

Mteza Primary school emerged the winner of Primary School tournament in Kwale County. This was the first edition of the primary school tournament in Kwale since MTG started implementing its activities independently in this county.

The matches during this tournament were officiated by MTG trained referees and all the players were privileged to receive sexual reproductive health information through peer education sessions.

Eleven teams participated in the tournament with four qualifying for semifinals: Yeje, Jorori, Mteza and Vroni primary schools. Mteza played against Vroni and won 1-0 before playing with Jorori in the final matches where they scored 3-0 and crowned the champions of the tournament.

During the event, Moving The Goalposts was honored to have Bridget Nyambura; the Director of Education for Kwale County as the chief guest. In her speech, the chief guest encouraged the girls to work hard in school and get involved in sports activities. She also added that she was impressed by the work MTG does towards empowering girls and young women through football.

We would like you to encourage your primary school teachers to register as a football team for next year's tournament. This will give you opportunity to not only play football but also have access to reproductive health and rights information through peer education sessions organized by MTG.



Janet Henry awarded as the best player in Secondary School Ball Games



My name is Janet Henry, an MTG United player from Chanagande league field. I am currently studying at Waa Girls High School. Our school team participated in Under 16 ball games up to National level and I was awarded as the best player during this event. Moving The Goalposts has contributed to my achievement because it has nurtured my talent up to where I am today. My football skills have improved since I started playing in MTG back in 2009. I also got a chance to get an admission at Waa Girls High School for my secondary education through MTG. I could not have made it to high school due to my family's financial background and I want to thank the organization for providing me with this opportunity. I take both my education and football seriously because I know both are important in achieving my career goals. My dream is to become a doctor and an international footballer.

Mwanakombo Hassan's story; Football for Change



I always thought that women could only be in charge of the kitchen and raise kids. This was because of having been brought up in a community where the girl child was discriminated in various aspects. My name is Mwanakombo Hassan from Mnarani league field. I joined MTG in 2012 and I have gained so much in terms of football since then. I did not know how to kick a ball and I could hardly stand in front of other people when called upon. I started playing football in my league field together with my fellow players and enjoyed every bit of the game. These improved my skills and made me gain knowledge on reproductive health through peer education sessions. I was chosen as one of the MTG United players for under 16 category. This has enabled me travel within and outside Kenya such as Tanzania and Rwanda to represent Moving The Goalposts.

During these trips, I learnt many things that has not only enabled me to be a good footballer but also made me acquire virtues that has helped me to be a good role model. Having travelled to different places across East Africa enabled me to interact with people from

different communities and learnt about their culture. This has helped me to excel in my studies especially in social studies as I could intelligently respond to questions related to culture.

I have a passion to work with children to fight for their rights. I always admire how MTG works towards protecting the rights of children in the community. Am thankful for Moving the Goalposts for giving me such an amazing opportunity.

Our Sisters, Our Responsibility

This month we are celebrating four amazing girls from Paziani league field in Bamba, Ganze Sub County in Kilifi County. Loice Tabu 17 years, Mary Mahenzo 15 years, Saumu Tabu 14 years and Mary John 15 years. These girls joined hands to ensure that their fellow player who was not coming to school due to pregnancy got re-admission. They worked with the school administration to improve conditions to enable her learn effectively.

Furaha, 18 year old and a referee from Paziani field, was not coming to the field and was also not attending school. The four girls were tasked by the field committee to visit the fellow girl and her family to investigate her absence. During the visit, they learnt that their fellow player was pregnant and was not willing to come to the field neither did she want to go to school because her school uniform was no longer fitting her.

The girls encouraged Furaha to continue attending the field and lobbied them to make an adaptive school uniform. They also talked to the school to allow Furaha back with a home dress because the rest of the girls were wearing a skirt and a blouse. The family bought two pairs of uniform; a skirt, blouse and a dress for Furaha who is now back in school. She is looking forward to transit to secondary school in 2019. We would like to encourage all of us to ensure that no girl remains at home due to pregnancy. We should also create a conducive environment to these girls when they are back in school before and after delivery. Our sisters, our responsibility.

Transition and appointment of new MTG Executive Director



We would like to inform all our readers about the transition of our executive director, Rachel Muthoga and appointment of the new director, Dorcas Amakobe; former MTG Program Manager. Below are their motivating messages to all of us.

“I look back at my reporting date at Moving The Goalposts in 2013 and I marvel at how far we have come together. As the MTG team: first the MTG girls, then staff and board, and the community at large, have grown each year from strength to strength. It has been my role to represent you all for four years, and I can say you made me proud to speak of the wonderful work that we have been doing in Kilifi. Each forum to which I was invited, each panel I sat in, every donor meeting or media interview, you sent me there with glad tidings of girls and young

women who were striving to overcome many challenges, and succeeding in doing so. As I move on from the position of Executive Director, I move on with a big thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am grateful for the lessons learnt, the opportunity to make mistakes and do it better the next time, and the wonderful way in which the girls and the community embraced the programme and made it their own. For me, the greatest joy is that I leave MTG in the capable hands of Dorcas Amakobe, the new Executive Director. You all know of her love and passion for our organization. I ask that we give her our full support, to ensure MTG keeps growing from strength to strength. Happily, it is not goodbye, but so long. I have accepted the request of our founder and Chairperson, Sarah Forde, to join the board of MTG. I will have a chance to visit periodically, to hear of the wonderful exploits that you will achieve, and to give my input and guidance. I am greatly honored to have this opportunity. See you all soon,” Rachel Muthoga, former MTG Executive Director

“I received the news of my appointment as Moving The Goalposts Executive Director with great excitement and humility, having served the organization in various capacities as community liaison coordinator and program manager for the past eight years. I am privileged to be at the realm of this amazing family of 9,000 girls and MTG as an organization. I am looking forward to spearhead the achievement of the second phase of MTG strategic plan 2016-2020 with the guidance of an experienced and vibrant team of 8 board members led by Sarah Forde as the board chairperson and the team of over thirty staff members, interns, volunteers and stakeholders. As MTG rolls out the expansion plan in all the six Coastal counties, my goal is to ensure that we continue to align our work and contribute to the achievement of the agenda for Sustainable Development with the ambition to transform our world by 2030.



Among other goals, MTG will continue to contribute to Global Goal 3: Ensuring healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all, at all ages, Goal 4: Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all, Goal 5; Achieving gender equality and empower all women and girls, Goal 8: Promoting sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all and Goal 16: Promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development to provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. These will ensure that rural girls and coastal communities contribute to achieving SDG targets and milestones by the year 2020,” Dorcas Amakobe, the new MTG Executive Director.