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## Editor's Note

Welcome to the July edition of the monthly Tunaweza Newsletter. We all know that MTG won the Laureus Sport for Good award and it's my pleasure to share with you that the award is finally home. This edition also highlights stories about MTG winning two trophies in the just ended East Africa Cup Tournament in Moshi, Tanzania. The winners of the annual MTG Primary School Tournament have also been shared together with stories about fathers' day and International Day of the African Child celebrations in Kilifi and Kwale counties. The monthly newsletter is not always complete without girls most significant change stories. Enjoy reading.

## Laureus Sport for Good Trophy is Finally Home!



As we are all aware, Moving the Goalposts won the Laureus Sport for Good Award in recognition for its work in using football to empower girls and young women through football. It was a great opportunity for MTG staff and players to share their joy during the homecoming of the trophy brought by the Executive Director, Rachel Muthoga. The award was officially handed over to Moving The Goalposts from Laureus Sport for Good Foundation. The trophy is finally home!

## MTG Under 16 Team wins the Fair Play Award for the East Africa Cup Tournament



The long journey to Moshi, Tanzania for the annual East Africa Cup tournament started with early preparations to get the passports for the teams and other requirements needed to cross the border. It was amazing and adventurous for the MTG under 16 and under 13 football players to see the wild animals from the Tsavo West National Park that stretched along the Taita Taveta road on their way to Moshi and to interact with different people on their arrival. The tournament kicked off the following day with football matches for both boys and girls, volley ball and a special game called 'Sitting Volleyball' for children with special needs. MTG under 16 played four matches against their opponents and qualified for the quarter finals. The tough match against Buruguni Youth from Tanzania ended 0 – 0 but later the opponents scored 4 – 3 through penalty shoot outs that disqualified the MTG team from playing the semi - finals. On the other hand, the under 13 team played 6 matches. They beat CHRISC Moshi 5 – 0 during their last match and qualified for the quarter finals where they played against Mathare Youth Sports Association (MYSA) and ended 0 – 3. Despite the losses, it was the best moment ever for the under 16 team to be crowned the winners of the fair play award during the closing ceremony. In addition, Pendo Kaingu, under 16 player from Mnarani league field was also awarded the top scorer of the year. Pendo scored nine goals during the East Africa Cup tournament. “The matches were tough for both teams but I am proud of our under 16 and under 13 teams for their efforts. They made us proud by winning the Fair Play and best scorers awards. For me , winning the fair play award talks a lot about the discipline of the team and gives a good image for Moving The Goalposts,” said Fathma Mohamed, the under 16 coach. The East Africa Cup tournament brought together teams from Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and many other visitors worldwide.

## Marafiki winner of the MTG Primary School Tournament 2016



Marafiki Primary School has been crowned the winners of the 2016 MTG Primary School Tournament on 2nd July, 2016 at Karisa Maitha stadium in Kilifi town. Marafiki beat Ndugumnani Primary School with 1 -0 during an exciting final. Marafiki Primary School first beat Mwaeba Primary School with 5 – 0 in their group match, followed by a 2 -0 win against Kawala Primary School. Ndugumnani primary school found their way to the finals with a 10-0 win against Mwangaza Primary School and a 0-0 draw against Maryango Primary School. Lucy Karani from Marafiki Primary School scored the only goal for her team that made them winners of the tournament. Seventy eight schools participated in the MTG primary school tournament this year. We hope that your school also participated. Make sure that your school registers next year for the MTG primary school tournament!

## Moving The Goalposts marks Fathers' Day



Father's Day is a great opportunity to appreciate the love and effort of our fathers. It is worth remembering that sometimes the best possible gift would simply be recognition and thanks for all the effort put into being a good father who cares about his family. MTG marked the 2016 fathers' day celebrations in style by organizing football drills with male parents in Kilifi and Kwale Counties to create awareness on issues related gender based violence and conflict management. The parents

also discussed about parental responsibilities and child rights during the fascinating event. Some of the parents interviewed during the event shared their feelings for the day.

“I would like to appreciate MTG for recognizing all fathers by organizing this event for us. The football drills were educative because I have learnt how to be a responsible father and how to stop conflict with my family members. All fathers should be role models at home and encourage our children to work harder,” Umi Kazungu's father from Dungicha.

“I have enjoyed the day and learnt that it is good idea to involve our wives in decision making towards family issues. Parents should treat all children equally despite their gender,” Lilian Masha's father from Rare.

“We should motivate our children to work harder in school and do regular follow up at school to check their progress. I am proud to be a responsible father to my family,” Santa Karisa's father from Petanguo.

“It was nice to celebrate this day with fathers from different league fields. It is our role as fathers to end gender based violence in the community. I thank MTG for marking father's day,” Esther Kazungu's father from Maryango.

“Much appreciation for MTG for bringing us together, for the drills, discussions and for the gifts we have been given as fathers,” Karemba Harrison's father from Mirihini.

## Day of the African Child

Moving The Goalposts joined other organizations within Kilifi and Kwale Counties to mark the International day of the African Child. The theme for this year was Conflict and Crisis in Africa: Protecting all Children rights.



*Procession to the venue*



*Speech from the MTG Executive Director, Rachel Muthoga*

## Elizabeth Kamone's story



I am Elizabeth Kamone Kenga from Ndugumnani league field and I am 13 years old. I joined MTG in 2013 through my friends who were already in the organization they shared with me about MTG and the activities that are carried out within the organization. I was very interested to join but my parents could not allow me because they felt I was going to waste my time with other girls. One of my friends talked to my parents and explained to them about the benefits of joining MTG. Later, my parents gave me an opportunity to register and I started attending football practices. At first, I did not know how to play football but our field leader encouraged me to do regular practice to be a good football player. I was very glad when I was selected to be one of the MTG united under 13 team. I am happy for the opportunity that MTG gave me to join other players every Sunday for the under 13 MTG united team practices. I also got the opportunity to be trained as a coach for the Tackle Africa project during the April residential camp. The sessions and football drills have opened my eyes and enhanced my skills both in leadership and facilitation. I can now do the drills to my fellow players in the league field. My parents are very proud of me and encouraged me to continue participating in MTG activities. They even talked to our last born to join MTG next year.

## Faith Karisa's story



I am Faith Salama Karisa from Kizurini in Kaloleni. I joined Moving the Goalpost in the year 2005. Since the time I had joined MTG I have been able to learn different life skills which I did not know before. I was trained on how to be a good leader that helped me to be a good role model. Through my active participation at the league field, I was selected to be trained as a first aider and a referee. I have offered first aid services in MTG league activities, tournaments and other external events. Through MTG's support, I was fully supported in education that enabled me to join and complete my certificate course in Hospitality and Catering. After completing my certificate in Hospitality, MTG linked me to get a job where I worked at Kwale County Governor's house. I gained more experience in my work and gave me exposure to work in different places. Currently I am working as a catering officer at Kinango sub county hospital in Kwale. Even though I got a job, I have not stopped volunteering in MTG activities because I want to continue empowering other girls to be like me. I would like to urge my fellow players to keep on working hard and be determined in life because everything is possible for a willing heart

## Sharon Olumatete's story



My name is Sharon Wycliffe Olumatete from Mnarani league field in Bahari division. I completed my Secondary Education in 2015. I joined MTG in the year 2015 because I wanted to enhance my football skills and be exposed to other MTG activities. I got inspired by others and started to involve myself actively in the organized activities. As time went by, I got an opportunity to be trained as a youth peer provider and a peer educator. I like peer education because it gives me opportunity to visit other fields and share my knowledge to my peers in the schools and league fields. Later in March 2016, MTG gave me an opportunity to be one of the resource center volunteers where I am in charge of the library services in MTG and ensures that the users utilize the resource center effectively. I love working with children because I want them to get relevant information that will make them successful in future despite their backgrounds.

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# Kilifi GOLD TRIATHLON 24<sup>th</sup> September

Moving the Goalposts is anticipating the greatest Kilifi Gold Triathlon 2016 sporting event. The triathlon shall take place on 24th September 2016 at Mnarani club starting from 2:30pm with a 750m swim in Kilifi Creek, followed by a maximum 20km off road cycle through Kilifi Plantations and a 5km run. There will also be a kids' mini Aquathlon, a swim and run around the beach area before the main triathlon. This year the funds raised will support MTG to add a mobile library to its education program. The library will be used during field visits to reach out to the girls and the community members in the most efficient way by creating a learning environment to access necessary information by providing relevant and accessible collection of resource materials. We would like to invite you to participate and raise funds to support Moving The Goalposts during the Kilifi Gold Triathlon. You can register by paying Kshs. 2,000/- for individuals competing the whole triathlon and Kshs. 3,000/- for teams of three people competing together or you can just come and cheer us on. The Kilifi Gold Triathlon is an annual sprint triathlon that has been running since 2003 on the shore of the Indian Ocean in [Kilifi, Kenya](#). The purpose of the event is to bring competitors from far and wide together to raise money for a chosen local charity.



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