

Msimamo newsletter is Vijana Amani Pamoja's quarterly bulletin that contains in-depth news, stories and activities that take place within VAP and the community that it serves. The newsletter gives a clear picture of WHO we ARE and WHAT we do. Msimamo means "MY STAND."

C.E.O'S MESSAGE.

*"Happy holidays
and a prosperous
New Year!"*

As the world is on the verge of ushering into a new dawn of another year with lots of holiday seasons around the corner, perhaps this is an opportunity to look at the mirror and gauge our successes, challenges, breakthroughs and failures. Indeed as VAP we have really made tremendous steps of success that has been as a result of collaborative team-work from each and every one of us, right from us, our partners, schools, community and our program participants. An additional boost has been generated from the networking partnership that we've had from various like-minded organizations through workshops both locally and internationally. Already a 10 years strategic plan for VAP is under its initial stages of development and we are looking forward to complete it by early next year. With lots of work still ahead of us, I would like to express my utmost

best Xmas seasons and a prosperous new year to all VAP team, program participants, partners and well wishers for your unwavering support.

VAP media team attends a practical workshop

*"Networking
Opportunity for
VAP media
Team."*

Led by Coach David Oduor who also doubles up as a journalist, VAP media team were invited by A24 media house for a one day workshop that took place at Mohammed Amin archive at Lavington. Amongst the practical and theoretical lessons taught were on video covering, photo shooting and newswriting. Mohamed Amin is a renowned Kenyan journalist who died years and left a legacy of A24 Media. The workshop was conducted by Daniel Furnad, Senior executive producer A24 media camera pix and Marc Maxson from Global Giving. VAP formed a

networking partnership with A24 media to feature its activities and photos in the African journal program "I have learnt a lot that I will take back to my daily duties with VAP especially that am in charge of VAP media group." Said David Oduor.

David in white T-shirt



Sfw and Adidas Exchange Programme



Workshop participants

A strong strategic plan is an important factor for success for any organization, and organizations active in the field of Development through Football are no exception. With this in mind, the latest edition of the adidas Exchange Programme brought together 18 organizations from across East Africa including VAP for a three day workshop in Nairobi on strategic planning. The workshop was on 21-23 Aug 2011 at MYSA headquarters.

The adidas Exchange Programme aims to provide organizations active in development through football with a unique opportunity to exchange and develop key expertise and capacities that are vital for an effective programme delivery and their overall operations. The adidas Exchange Programme is part of the FIFA Partners' Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Programme and Football for Hope, a major component of FIFA's CSR

"School Graduations!"

Jogoo Rd Pr.School

Skillz Kenya Graduations

Zawadi Pr.School

Nairobi River Primary

Pumwani Primary school



Skillz Activity of the Month

The most interesting Skillz Kenya activity was **Gender Stadium**-The activity's key messages is to create a mutual respect between the two partners.



Participants performing Gender stadium

VAP coach attends YDF training in South Africa

Through YDF/GIZ Skillz Coach Elizabeth Atieno had an opportunity to attend a 3 day youth development football workshop held on Oct 9th-11th 2011 in Port Elizabeth South Africa. The workshop also brought together various youth leaders, coaches and representatives from the South African government and experts on the field of sports and development who focused mainly on HIV prevention.

Outstanding Skillz Coach

No doubt that this month's outstanding coach title goes to none other than Robert Mokon. Robert has been so superb in his duties as a Skillz coach. In the past he managed to facilitate crucial HIV/AIDS topic during the 2 day s YDF/GIZ sponsored workshop that was held at VAP's ground office in Kiambio. Despite that he was the only male coach running Skillz Kenya program at a girls' school, Our Lady of Mercy primary. Robert was also assisted by two female coaches, Elizabeth and Dorcas.



Coach Robert on duty

New Partnership with 2Way Development

After a long process of due dilligence VAP has just established a new partnership with 2way development, a UK based organization which is about an equal exchange of ideas, skills and benefits between volunteers and local communities. The partnership will see VAP gaining from long term skilled and experienced volunteers who will be working towards strengthening VAP's on going and new programs.

FIFA (ffh) Funding

For the fifth time, world football governing body FIFA through its Corporate Social Responsibility granted Vijana Amani Pamoja, (VAP) with one year funds to boost its Skillz Kenya HIV/AIDS intervention project that creates awareness of HIV/AIDS through a soccer themed curriculum. The FIFA funding to VAP came via a strategic alliance geared towards the Millennium Development Goals between streetfootballworld; www.streetfootballworld.org and FIFA. The two have been using football as an instrument for social development for many years in a variety of ways. The funding creates more trust and believe from sfw, FIFA and other donors whom we appreciate a lot for their continued support.



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