



2010 GLOBAL PEACE GAMES

For

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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Certificate of Participation

2010 GLOBAL PEACE GAMES for CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION



This Certificate of Participation from the 2010 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth testifies to the power of friendship and personal commitment from participants around the world and to their solidarity in support of a culture of peace and nonviolence and the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

At the 2010 Games, participants signed the UNESCO Manifesto for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence, pledging their commitment to:

- ~ RESPECT ALL LIFE ~
- ~ REJECT VIOLENCE ~
- ~ SHARE WITH OTHERS ~
- ~ LISTEN TO UNDERSTAND ~
- ~ PRESERVE THE PLANET ~
- ~ REDISCOVER SOLIDARITY ~



The yearly tradition of the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth demonstrates the capacity of sport to develop collaboration within civil society, and to build cooperation and solidarity among children and youth around the world as they play together to create a better and more peaceful world.

The 2010 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth were celebrated in many communities in the following 42 countries:

Australia, Benin, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, China, Congo Democratic Republic, Egypt, Gambia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Liberia, Mali, Malawi, Morocco, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Russia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Taiwan, Thailand, Togo, Uganda, USA, Venezuela, Zambia

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Mr. Lemke's Message



SPECIAL ADVISER
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Message of Support by Mr. Wilfried Lemke

Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General
on Sport for Development and Peace

“Global Peace Games for Children and Youth 2010”



Dear Children and Youth around the world,

I welcome you to the 10th Anniversary Global Peace Games for Children and Youth. The United Nations considers sport to be a powerful tool to promote education, health, development, and peace. Sport unites people of all social classes, cultures, and religions in a positive and educational way.

The games take place in your community around the time of the UN International Day of Peace, as a unique and important global event. Your participation demonstrates how children and youth provide local leadership to build solidarity and commitment for friendship, tolerance, and peace as well as towards the achievement of the UN Millennium Development Goals. These Goals aim to achieve a worldwide level playing field with a view to inter alia gender equality, youth development, and combating diseases.

The Global Peace Games give you an opportunity to learn the importance of values such as honesty, discipline, fair play, and respect for others. You will learn no matter the result that you must be humble and show respect to your teammates and competitors. Playing as a team will provide the basis for friendships created through sport. As you join other teams in the global community throughout the Games, you will learn how sport can bring us together to work towards a common goal - ensuring that human development reaches out to the world.

I am happy to extend my hand in the “global handshake of friendship” to each of you and wish you all the very best as you partake in and enjoy the 2010 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth.

Geneva, 25 August 2010

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wilfried Lemke".

Wilfried Lemke

Under-Secretary-General

Special Adviser to the Secretary-General
on Sport for Development and Peace



Mr. Blatter's Message

LE PRESIDENT



Message for the 2010 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth

This is the 10th year of celebration of the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth. I welcome all of you to this wonderful event — and especially congratulate all of you who have taken part each year since the Games began in 2001.

I hope that you will continue to use the Games, not only as a day of fun and community solidarity, but as a special opportunity to focus on all that football can teach us — the life skills of winning and losing with grace and dignity, of showing respect for others, practicing fair play, tolerance and understanding, learning teamwork and how to make your bodies healthy and strong.

Each of us can think about what we can do to make the world a better place. Boys and girls, children and youth, playing together in friendship throughout the world are a powerful force for this purpose and our future. This is what Football for Hope can accomplish.

We should all spread the messages of respect, solidarity and tolerance — and take action to improve health and education. As you take part in the 2010 Global Peace Games know that you are joining with many others in this common effort.

For the Game. For the World.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blatter".

Joseph S. Blatter

REPORT ON THE 2010 GLOBAL PEACE GAMES for CHILDREN AND YOUTH



The 2010 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth took place in forty-two countries with thousands of participants in communities around the world celebrating the Games and the culture of peace and nonviolence. The common purpose of the Games is captured in the words of the UNESCO Manifesto for Peace created by Nobel Laureates. Each participant at the Games had the opportunity to sign the Manifesto that pledges them to respect all life, reject all violence, share with others, listen to understand, preserve the planet, and contribute to the development of community. The Games embraced the themes of the United Nations International Day of Peace and the United Nations Millennium Goals. Special messages were read at all sites from Mr. Wilfried Lemke, the Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary General on Sport for Peace and Development, and Mr. Joseph Blatter, the President of FIFA.

This Report on the 2010 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth includes brief summaries of reports submitted by participating organizations. They tell a fun, joyous and educational story about the events and activities that took place in each country, and about the friendship and commitment of those children and youth to make the world a better place.

ABOUT THE REPORT AND CERTIFICATE: PLAY SOCCER prepares the Report and the Certificate. All photos contained in the report from participating organizations are the property of these organizations. At the international level, PLAY SOCCER provides the leadership to initiate and organize the Games. Many other organizations and individuals at the international and local level join this effort. Information about all participants is noted whenever possible and as received in the country write-ups for the Report.

Reports from the Countries

AUSTRALIA



On Tuesday 21st September, **Football United and Save the Children** participated in the annual Global Peace Games at Fairfield Intensive English Centre to provide an opportunity for young people engaged in our programs to demonstrate their central role in the “mission of global friendship, peace and development.” Football for Hope team members read the special peace messages sent by Mr. Blatter and Mr. Lemke, and all participants were given the opportunity to sign the Manifesto for Peace, which had been translated into Arabic

and Spanish. After the official proceedings, Fairfield participants (seniors, juniors, and girls) made way to the football field for friendly games against Lurnea Intensive English Centre. Before kick-off, the players gave the “Handshake of Friendship.” The celebration also recognized the achievement of fifteen Fairfield students who had participated in a coaching course facilitated by Football NSW and the Australian Sports Commission.

BENIN



SOS Children's Villages Benin has organized the games for several years. On Saturday September 25th, about 200 children and youths of the Family Strengthening Programme and SOS Children's Village of Abomey-Calavi celebrated the 2010 Games at the Hermann Gmeiner school there, competing in football, word games, and drawings. Members of eight organizations were also present at the ceremony, and 250 persons signed the Peace Manifesto. After welcoming speeches and reading of peace messages, doves were released to spread the messages to the whole world. Then, in a peaceful and joyful celebration, cups and medals were awarded to the first, second, and third place teams.

BURUNDI

SOS Children's Villages Burundi celebrated its sixth edition of the 2010 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth in the five sites where SOS Children's Villages are located. Before football matches, the message of the Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary General on Sport for Peace and development and the one from FIFA's President was read and participants offered each other a handshake of friendship. At Rutana, the 1290 participants included 1190 children and youth from the Village and surrounding schools. At Gitega, an audience of more than 350 persons watched a football match between the SOS Herman Gmeiner Grade School and the Saint Nicolas Gitega School. The celebration at Bujumbura, where nearly 1500 persons participated, included a march of peace and a football game. In Muyinga, nearly 800 persons, including 500 school children, participated in a demonstration march followed by a football game. And Cibitoke enjoyed its first Global Peace Games, also with a demonstration march and football match. There, the audience of 500 included 400 school children. At the five sites, a total of 1885 persons signed the Manifesto for Peace.



Right To Play Burundi celebrated the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth on September 26th in Muyinga town, in collaboration with RENAJES SIMBIMANGA and the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Culture. 306 children participated (181 boys and 125 girls). The event was a big success in fostering the culture of tolerance through friendly soccer where youth, experienced with long community conflicts in Muyinga, attended and shook hands. The day also included the reading of the message, and games with messages on team building and cohesion. A

total number of 109 people signed the Manifesto, included children, youth, officials, volunteers, parents, and members of organizations.

CAMBODIA

SOS Children's Villages Cambodia and **Spirit of Soccer** celebrated the Global Peace Games with a tournament for children and youth in Kamreang on September 21st. Nearly 500 students, local instructors and sport persons from all over Cambodia participated. There were 210 players ages 16-20 divided into 14 teams, and 122 players ages 15 and under in 8 teams. The games were preceded by an explanation of soccer and peace in the world, and reading of the messages from Mr. Blatter and Mr. Lemke. In addition to the matches, Spirit of Soccer conducted Mine-risk and Drug-risk education for all participants and spectators.



CAMEROON

PLAY SOCCER Cameroon celebrated the Global Peace Games on October 10th in Lower Bessi, on October 17th in Bamenda, and on October 24th in Malmayo. The activities started with the singing of the Cameroon national anthem, reading of special messages from UN and FIFA, traditional dances, athletics sack and balloon race etc. The program ended with the signing of the manifesto to support the culture of non violence, and all the children and the communities jointly recited the pledge.



SOS Children's Villages held games in Douala on September 21st and in Mbalmayo on October 27th. The celebration at Douala was attended by 334 spectators and were shown on Cameroon national radio and television. In addition to football matches between nearby schools, the day included reading the special messages, the march for peace, the

handshake of friendship, and signing the Manifesto. In Mbalmayo, children and youth from many schools took part in games of handball and football, a mini marathon, bag race, rope pulling contest, and dance and singing contests. The special messages were read in French and English languages, and the Manifesto was signed by 60 persons.

In November, **Global Sports Alliance Douala** organized Global Peace Games in which more than 20 children and youth first cleaned up the playing area and then took part in a street football challenge. About 30 persons then signed the Peace Manifesto.

CANADA

Downtown Soccer Toronto registered to hold Global Peace Games in early October, following their league playoffs.

CAPE VERDE

SOS Children's Villages registered to participate in the 2010 Global Peace Games.

CHINA, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

Goals for Children registered to hold the Global Peace Games on October 24 in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, Peoples Republic of China.

CONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

SOS Children's Villages organized the World Games for Peace in Uvira, with participation by several of the nearby Villages and other organizations. 650 children and youth took part in the football tournament, some put on acrobatic performances, and others recited poems on the theme of peace. The Manifesto for Peace was signed by 700 children, youth, and spectators.

EGYPT



On November 4th, **Coptic Orphans** held Games for Peace activities alongside a High Achievers' celebration. The event was held at Ramsis College School in Cairo, Egypt. Around 220 children, youth and mothers attended the event. The two messages from Joseph Blatter and Wilfried Lemke were read and a discussion was held about the importance of living and pursuing peace with everyone. Activities included the performance of a well-known music piece by the music team, a Puppet Show, and a Black Theatre show that

talked about the values of Peace and Friendship, a discussion regarding the Handshake of Friendship. After this, the children all got up and shook each other's hands. The final activity of the day was the reading and signing of the Manifesto of Peace, which was signed by 168 children and youth.

GAMBIA

SOS Children's Villages the Gambia celebrated the Global Peace Games on October 2nd at the Serrekunda West Football Field. The event began with reading of the special messages. A football match between two teams of 7-10 year olds was held, followed by a contest for four 14 to 20 year old female teams, and a contest for four 14 to 20 year old male teams. Participants received medals, pens, t-shirts, a carton of fruit juice, and a certificate; a trophy was awarded to the three winning teams. The pledge was read by an SOS child, and the Manifesto was signed by all the participants.



Jambanjeli Village the Gambia, under the leadership of Mr. Lamin Njie, held games in November. 1689 children and youth (841 males and 848 females) celebrated the sport and games and the Handshake of Peace.

GHANA

PLAY SOCCER GHANA held the Global Peace Games in Bunso on November 6th. 250 children and youth from many organizations took part in the event, which started with a street procession through the town. After the the children the recited the Pledge, there was a welcome address and reading of messages from Mr. Lemke and Mr. Blatter, and 221 children signed the Peace Manifesto. Activities included a discussion session in which children expressed their views about peace, and an opportunity to learn about the PLAY SOCCER health, social, and football programs. The football match between the Play Soccer Ghana team and a community team from Bunso ended 1-0 in favor of the community team.

INDIA

SOS Children's Villages of India registered to hold Games in Bhopal and Kolkata on September 21st and 22nd.

INDONESIA

Between September 26th and October 30th, **SOS Children's Villages Indonesia** celebrated the Global Peace games at the Villages of Bali, Banda, Flores, Lembang, Medan, Meulaboh, Semarang, and at 60 locations in Yogyakarta. Many other organizations participated, including local governments, schools, football clubs, radio and TV stations, and newspapers. In all, more than 1500 children and youth took part. The activities at the different sites included football matches, dance performances, the handshake of friendship, reading the special messages and pledge, and signing the Peace Manifesto. The Manifesto was signed by nearly 6500 children, youth, and others.



IRELAND



Sport Against Racism Ireland

celebrated the Global Peace Games with its 14th annual SARI Soccerfest in September. “In a highly entertaining game both sets of players' spirits weren't dampened despite being greeted onto the pitch by a down pour of rain and played throughout the game with broad smiles and great banter...Over the two day event Irish based players and those from countries such as Brazil, America,

Mauritius, Africa and Asia competed against teams from Dublin, Limerick, Clare and Belfast for the SARI Respect Cups and the SARI Respect Plate.”

ISRAEL/PALESTINE

The **Peres Center for Peace** registered to hold Global Peace Games at the Israel and Palestinian Authority on September 21st.

JORDAN



On September 22nd, **Right To Play Jordan** held a celebration for Global Peace Day at Zarka Preparatory school for Girls in Zarka refugee camp. A total of 245 girls ages 7-9 participated. They were divided into eight groups and visited stations which featured games focusing on lessons of peace and conflict resolution. During lunch, the coaches led a discussion on “the value of peace for the world, the importance of helping each other and the need for cooperation between them in order to achieve specific goals.”

KENYA

Society Empowerment Project (SEP) celebrated the Global Peace Games in Oyugis on September 11th, with support from Football For Hope and GTZ/YDF. The event included messages focusing on peace, poverty reduction, and health education. 200 children and youth participated in the soccer event, and 125 participants signed the Peace Manifesto.



Amani Kibera registered to hold Global Peace Games in Kibera, Nairobi, from September 18th through October 2nd. **Kenya Community Sports Foundation (KESOFO)** registered to hold Games on September 21st.

LEBANON



On October 3rd, **Right To Play** organized Global Peace Games in Al Beddawi Camp in North Lebanon. The objective of the event was to give children from different NGOs a chance to play together, with a peaceful match between a Lebanese team and Palestinian refugees—it also allowed the Lebanese children to observe life inside the refugee camp. 104 children aged 3-18 participated. After the match, they shook hands and congratulated each other, and

many of the children hoped to keep in touch with each other after the event ended.

LIBERIA



Right To Play Liberia celebrated Global Peace Games in Harper, Pleebo, Karloken, and Glofoken. In Harper, the football matches were preceded by a parade through the streets. An indoor program highlighted the importance of fair play, and all participants recited the pledge and signed the Peace Manifesto. In the four cities, more than 2500 children and youth, including about 1000 girls, participated in the matches and signed the Manifesto.

CHILD Liberia (Christian Home in Liberating Destitute Children) held Games in three regions. In Monrovia, 625 young people participated, including 200 girls; in Fish Town, there were 147, of whom 30 were girls, and in Kakata City there were 129 participants.

MALAWI

PLAY SOCCER Malawi held Peace Games at three community sites, Bangwe, Chigumula, and Ndirande, and in the Fairplay districts of Chikhwawa and Ntchisi. The theme of the games was “Reversal of the spread of HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and Tuberculosis”. There were 50,000 participants who also signed the Peace Manifesto. Groups included School of the Deaf, Scouts Association of Malawi, Malawi Albino Sports Association, and Malawi Disabilities Sports association. The games and activities included soccer, korfbal, chess, bawo, netball, apple eating, sack running, acrobatics, and tug of war.

These were followed by cultural dances, reciting of poems, drama, reading the pledges and Global Peace Messages, and collection of signatures. The **Malawi Fairplay Campaign** also organized a community event in Maromo, on the theme of “Universal Access and Human Rights.”



MALI



SOS Children’s Villages Mali celebrated the Peace Games in Sanankoroba, Secoura, and Kita on November 4th through 11th. More than 4620 children and youths, from SOS Villages and surrounding communities, took part in the activities. All the sites featured a football match, reading of the special messages, and a handshake of friendship among the participants. The events at Sanankoroba also included a cycling competition, a marathon, and a karate exhibition. A total of 3010 people at the three sites signed the Manifesto for Peace.

MOROCCO

The **Association Ajyal Daraa for Culture, Arts, and Sports** registered to celebrate Global Peace Games Zagora City, Morocco.

MOZAMBIQUE



Right To Play Mozambique held the Global Peace Games in several communities and schools, in partnership with JILDES Association and NFDS Association. A total of 4,035 (2,011 females) children and youth from seven communities participated in the celebrations. In each Right To Play project location, the games began with the reading of a message from the UN Special Adviser on Sports for Development and Peace. All participants and invited guests signed the manifesto for peace. There were over 4,000 signatures collected. Football matches were

held for both boys and girls. Prior to the games all of the members from each team shook hands with each other as a sign of friendship. Children also participated in Right To Play games which focused on lessons of peace, conflict resolution, communication, teamwork, cooperation, acceptance and tolerance of one another.

NICARAGUA

On Saturday October 2nd, **Soccer Without Borders** in Granada hosted a five versus five soccer tournament to honor peace and celebrate the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth. The event was held at Granada’s multi-stadium sporting complex. There were a total of 60 youth participants and 63 signatories on the UNESCO Manifesto. In organizing the event and contacting participating teams, Soccer Without Borders was supported by Milton Ivan-Castillo, the regional director of the Instituto de Deportes in Nicaragua. The afternoon began with the reading of the special messages and signing the Manifesto. The five versus five tournament lasted all afternoon and was full of excitement. The participants definitely seemed to enjoy the tournament atmosphere.



NIGER



SOS Children's Villages Niger held the Global Peace Games from November 1st to November 4th in the Villages of Niamey and Tahoua. Both sites held football matches, races, and theatrical skits. Niamey featured a football game between children from the Village and from the Lazaret district, skits to raise awareness of peace, and the Marathon for Peace. After reading of the special messages, 202 signatures for the Manifesto were collected. At Tahoua, teams from the Village and from the town

primary school competed in a football game. The opening ceremonies there also included reading of the special messages. After the games, the Manifesto was signed by 113 persons.

NIGERIA

SOS Children's Villages Nigeria held Games in three locations, Isolo, Owu-Ijebu, and Gwagwalada, on October 27th, November 4th, and November 8th respectively. 8 schools from the surrounding communities and 2 local NGOs participated. At each location, the special messages were read, all participants observed the global handshake, read the Peace Manifesto, and competed in Football matches and other games. There were a total of 1135 participants, consisting of 882 children and youth and 253 guests. **Rural Alliance for Development (RAD)** celebrated Games at Umuahia from September 21st to 27th. 370 children and youth of ages 8-18



participated in the event and signed the Manifesto. Special messages were read, and all participants took the Handshake of Friendship. On September 25th, **Rush Nigeria**, together with several other government and sports organizations, hosted Games in Kano in northern Nigeria. Approximately 300 soccer playing youth attended the event and signed the manifesto. **Royal Gold Sport Outreach Initiative** held the Global Peace Games at Akure Ondo State on November 12th. After the special messages were read, all the participants formed a circle to exchange the Handshake of

Friendship. 2000 spectators watched the soccer game and traditional dancing display. 50 children, ages 6-10 and from different ethnic, religious, and cultural backgrounds, played in the match.

Teachers Without Borders registered to hold Games in Abuja from September 21st through October 1st.

PAKISTAN



Sports and Fitness Association of Pakistan presented Games in Islamabad on October 29th. After reading the special messages, 20 boys from Madraasa Abdulah Bin Umar school and 10 boys from Working Children of Auto Workshops played football together to show how sport can promote peace, tolerance and understanding. At the end, all participants exchange a handshake of friendship.

Sport and Physical Education Organization (SPEO) Pakistan held Games in Faisalabad from October 25th to 28th. 25 teams of children and youth ages 10-16 participated.

Right to Play Pakistan celebrated Global Peace Games by organizing sport and play activities in all its Pakistan locations, i.e. Mardan, Peshawar, Mansehra, and Quetta districts. Special messages were read, and sport and play activities and tournaments were organized. More than 4500 children, youth, and athletes participated, and more than 2900 signed the Peace Manifesto, which was also translated into the national language Urdu.

PALESTINE



Right to Play Palestinian Territories held games in 3 locations in Southern Palestine, including the Abu Ammar Youth Center, the Deihaesh Refugee Camp boys school and the Nitaqeen girls school in Bethlehem. A total of 150 children and youth participated in the events, 25 of whom are living with a disability. Each of the three celebrations began with a march to the playing area and an explanation of the goals and importance of the Global Peace Games. All participants had the opportunity to sign the UNESCO peace manifesto. Each location implemented different activities and games which demonstrated an integrated approach to peace-building.

RUSSIA

SOS Children's Village Pushkin celebrated Global Peace Games in St. Petersburg on November 6th. The 55 participants and guests included members of the desktop football teams of the Children's Village, and the group of volunteers "We Plus." 37 signatures were collected for the Peace Manifesto. Later in November, some of the participants celebrated with Football Club Zenit by placing Zenit's scarfs on the lion sculptures on St. Petersburg's bridge.



SENEGAL



PLAY SOCCER Senegal celebrated Global Peace Games on October 10th at Séfa Picine, with the themes of the African Child and the fight against violence in sports. The event took place in the presence of a large audience, with 800 children and volunteers from all the PLAY SOCCER Senegal sites taking part. Speeches focused on sport as a means to promote peace.

SOUTH AFRICA

PLAY SOCCER South Africa celebrated the Games on November 27 at their Lawley site. Each PSSA site was asked to bring 10 children and 5 coaches—a total of about 100 children attended. Special messages from FIFA and from the United Nations were read by Pitso Mosimane, the Coach of the South African National Team and other Board members and staff participated in the ceremony which celebrated the themes of peace and nonviolence. The children took part in activities which had been prepared by the coaches. In the soccer tournament which followed, the children were divided into six teams, with two coaches for each team, and both boys and girls on each. Simultaneous matches were played on three grounds. Other coaches prepared food for all the participants to enjoy after the games. The organizers expressed their thanks to all who participated in PSSA, especially to the coaches and the children across Gauteng Province.

SRI LANKA

SOS Children's Villages Sri Lanka registered to hold Global Peace Games on September 23rd through September 25th at Nuwara Eliya, and on October 8th and 9th at Anuradhapura.

SUDAN



Right to Play South Sudan organized the Global Peace Games September 29th in Juba and Torit. A total of 1464 (694 female) children and youth participated in activities including Blue Peace Ball games, football and volleyball games, drama skits, and traditional dance performances. The peace manifesto was translated into the local language and signed by over 2,000 people, 1,400 of which were children.

SYRIA



United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) organized Global Peace Games at Palestine Athletics City, Yarmouk Camp, on September 21st. About 1800 UNRWA students participated, along with many official, community members, teachers, and parents. Girls' and boys' soccer games were followed by traditional folklore dancing. The special messages were read, and a large number of students signed the Peace Manifesto.

TAIWAN

Gong Guang Elementary School held their first Global Peace games on November 20th in Taipei. A total of 250 children and youth along with parents signed the Peace Manifesto. There was then a Good-Will game between Teachers/Parents and Children/Youth, followed by a handshake of friendship to end the wonderful ceremony.



THAILAND



Right to Play Thailand in partnership with UNHCR and the Umphang Witthayakom School celebrated the Friendship Games on November 20th in Umphang. The event featured peace themed football matches between refugee children and host community children. Games were also held at Umpium Mai Refugee Camp and Nupo Refugee Camp, with participation by a total of 298 children and youth from the three locations. The Right to Play Thailand **Southern Initiative Project** also held games on September 21st in Trang. 30 youths, 12 children, and 50 adults participated in a one-day tournament, exchanged the handshake of

friendship, and listened to the special messages. 42 youths and children signed their names and placed their handprints on the Peace Manifesto.

TOGO

SOS Children’s Villages Togo celebrated the Global Peace Games at the Hermann Gmeiner Primary School in Dapaong on November 10th. Activities included basketball and football matches, a curious “fishing line” game, and a spoons game requiring much concentration. The audience included 650 children and people from the neighborhood. Following the games, 490 young people showed their commitment to peace and nonviolence through their signatures and the exchange of handshakes.



UGANDA

Right to Play held Games on October 21st in Lira. In addition to speeches, there were traditional peace songs and dances. A total of 1,893 (823 girls) children and youth as well as over 100 parents and community members attended the event.



Uganda Youth Football Association celebrated Global Peace Games for the first time in Kampala. Despite a heavy rains and flooding, the games attracted 100 children and youths, and included reading of the two special messages to the participants.

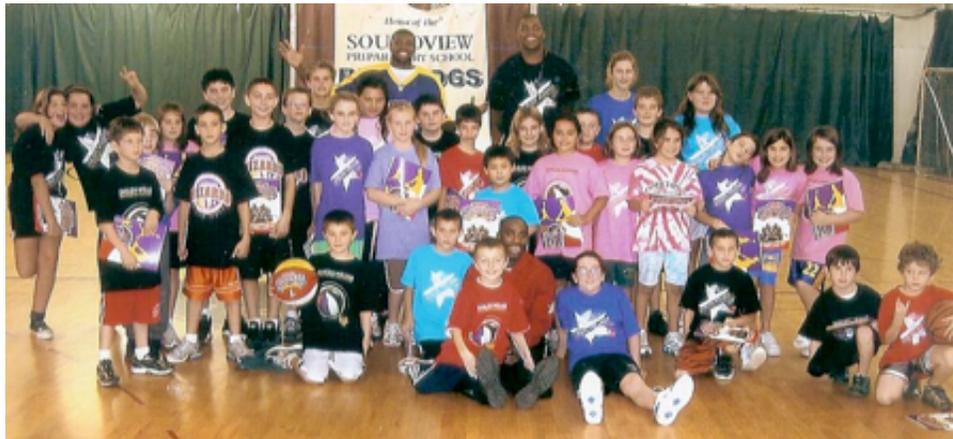
Africa Youth Ministries registered to hold Games in Gulu between September 1st and September 21st.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The **New York Cosmos** proudly supported the the Global Peace Games at Flushing Meadows Park in Queens on November 6.. The Cosmos were joined by their fans—the New York Cosmos Supporters Club, the Borough Boys, and old and new generations of Cosmos fans. While parents supported the children and encouraged them to play hard and smart, the Cosmos fans rejoiced in the return of the New York Cosmos. With great excitement and enthusiasm hundreds of children participated in matches, enjoyed Cosmos activities, received trophies and, together with the fans and officials, signed the Peace Manifesto. The New York Cosmos venue at Flushing Meadows Park was provided by **The Metrokids**, whofor the tenth year, participated in the Games at the Park. **Rotary New York** joined the activities and every one celebrated and enjoyed this great New York City event.



The **Harlem Wizards** held three separate but related Global Peace Game events in New York and New Jersey. On July 10th, they kicked off their summer basketball camps at Eleanor Van Gelder School in Edgewater, NJ. In the spirit of the Global Peace Games, the 13 campers took the oath of peace and handshake of friendship in the hopes of making the world a better place. On the August 13, 2010, at their longest running basketball camp at Bergen Regional Medical Center in Paramus NJ, all 35 of the campers took the oath of peace with the help of legendary Wizard players TOJO Henderson and the fan favorite David "DP" Paul. On July 30, 2010, the Harlem Wizards conducted their ever popular basketball camps in Yorktown Heights, NY at the Solaris Sports Clubs. With the help of Wizards players like the hilarious showman Dwayne "SWOOP" Simpson, the aerial wonder of Ron "SKYCAM" Ferguson, and the basketball wizardry of King Arthur, the 40 campers in attendance made the commitment to incorporating peace in their lives by taking part in the oath of peace and handshake of friendship. It was a day no one will soon forget.



Also, in the USA, to celebrate the Games and support PLAY SOCCER, a group of students in a social issues class at **West Chester University** held a 3V3 soccer tournament on November 20th in West Chester, Pennsylvania. It was attended by about 45 students including players, volunteers, and spectators. All in attendance signed the Peace Manifesto. And, in Queens, **La Ligua** held a small Global Peace Games tournament on November 7.

VENEZUELA



SOS Children's Villages Maracay held Global Peace Games on October 2nd and 3rd. The Games began with a parade, followed by the reading of the Manifesto and pledge by all the participants. The 80 children and youth from nearby Villages and communities took part in football games, kicking ball games, sack races, and traditional games. **SOS Children's Villages Ciudad Ojeda** held the Games on October 22nd. 180 children and youth participated, including 15 children from neighboring schools. Children and adults read and signed the Peace Manifesto. Activities included an indoor football tournament for the older children, races for the smaller children, and dance exercises for the adults.

ZAMBIA

PLAY SOCCER Zambia, partnering with NOWSPAR (the National Organization For Women in Sport), celebrated the Global Peace Games on October 16th at the University of Zambia. About 200 children from PLAY SOCCER Zambia and other partner organizations participated. For the first time, the event included karate and judo, and youths from the Deaf Association took part in playing football and netball. Other activities included the reading of special messages and signing the Manifesto of Peace.



Malalo Sports Foundation held Games on October 17th in Chililabombe. 6 teams of youths ages 17-20 and 2 teams of younger children participated, for a total of 160 children. Special messages were read to all, and the children were encouraged to use the skills from the sport in resolving conflicts within their communities through peaceful means.