

# **REPORT ON THE 4TH ANNUAL KICK 'N' TEST VCT AND TB SCREENING FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**

## **Fighting HIV/AIDS and TB through football**



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## INTRODUCTION

On 18th August 2012, Vijana Amani Pamoja-VAP hosted the 4th annual kick N Test VCT and TB screening soccer tournament at Jericho. An exciting day of football, voluntary counseling, testing and TB screening. The tournament was organized under the theme of “All for one, one for all”. A total of 16 teams both boys and girls of ages 13-18years from all the walks of Eastlands part of Nairobi converged at Jericho community grounds, in readiness to participate in this unique 7-a-side football tournament. The top two teams from each group played in the final to be crowned the 4th Kick N Test VCT and TB screening champions.

## JERICHO TOWNSHIP.

located in the Eastlands part of Nairobi, Jericho is an area with an average population of 200,000 people with 60% being low income earners and 40% depending on periodical manual jobs with a few being employed in informal sectors. Jericho is a well known football power house area having produced the finest football players who have featured in various top clubs nationally and internationally. Subsequently, it's also on record with the highest numbers of a myriad of social and economical challenges eg. HIV/AIDS, TB, lack of employment early pregnancies, rape, drug abuse etc. The hosting of VAP's 4th annual Kick N Test VCT and TB screening football tournament in Jericho has really developed a great relationship with the community as far as preventing and solving out some of the social challenges and left a significant mark on how sports can be used as a catalyst for social change.

## AN EXTRA BOOST OFF THE FIELD

What made this tournament special? The team did not get points only for winning or drawing a match, but also participating in the Skillz Kenya HIV/AIDS activities, stop TB activity visiting VCT and TB screening tents over the course of the day. In the event of a tie, these extra points were more important than a point in the match. A total of 160 youth players were tested on HIV/AIDS status and screened on TB. Every Youth/player that was tested walked out with a certificate plus a bonus point to his/her team.

One player from each age group was chosen as soccer champion, based on his/her performance in the tournament, and one as spirit champion, based on his/her enthusiasm in the Skillz Kenya HIV/AIDS and stop TB activities.

Community members around Jericho got an opportunity for a VCT and TB screening services during the tournament that were conducted by EDARP.

## FIELD CLASSROOM

During intervals and half time of both Skillz Kenya HIV/AIDS and stop TB activities, participants were sensitized on co-relation between TB and HIV. The main theme was TB/HIV co-infection. Peer educator for both TB and HIV were at hand to conduct the activities and educate the participants. Participants were also given basic questionnaires regarding HIV and TB to gauge their knowledge and attitude.

## At the Scene



participants going through HIV activity



participants going through TB screening centre



Community members going through VCT



participants filling pre and post surveys of TB & HIV



VCT testing



VCT testing



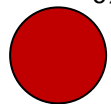
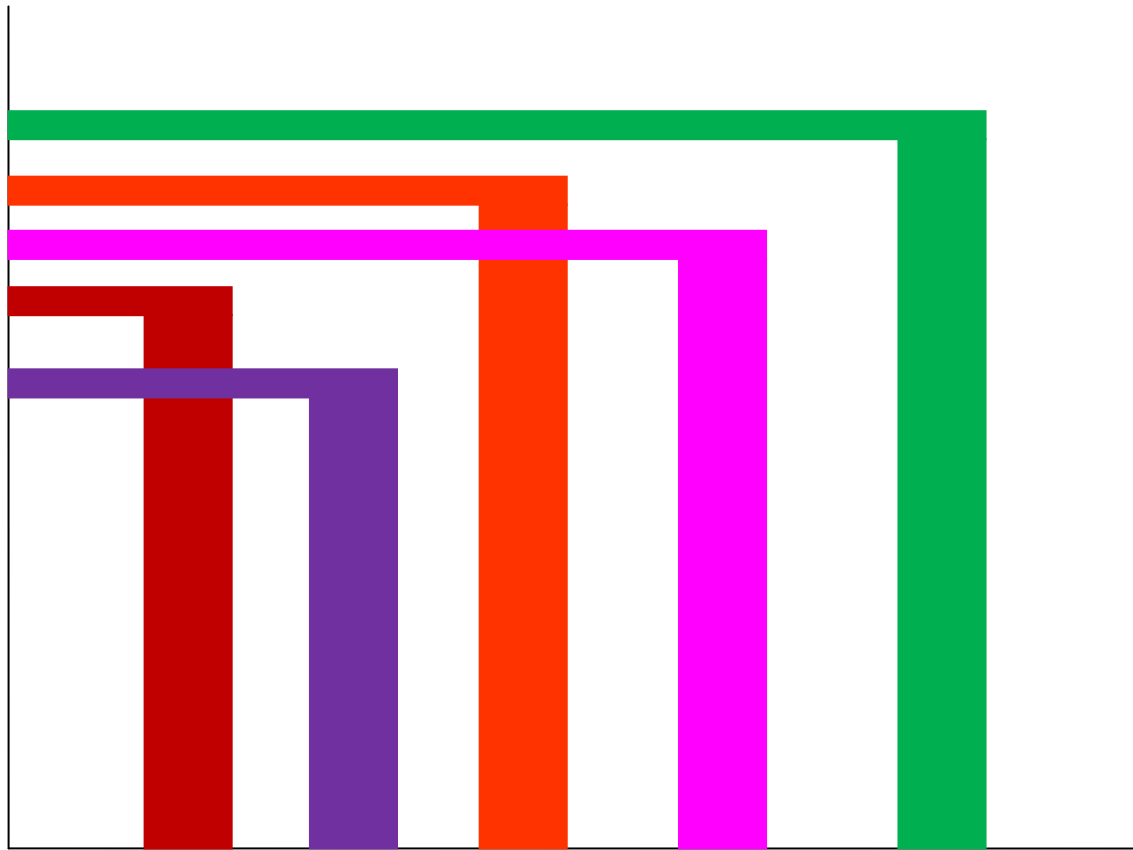
Girls football match

## Statistics

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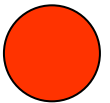
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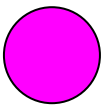
Enjoy participating in the Skillz Kenya HIV/AIDs prevention activities. Visited VCT and would do it again



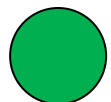
Enjoy participating in the stop TB activities. Visited TB screening and would do it again



Have appositve attitude towards people living with HIV/AIDs.



Have more positive attitude towards people with TB and would encourage them to go for treatment



Recommended participation of VAP's Skillz Kenya HIV/AIDs and stop TB prevention program to others.

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- i) Stop TB Partnership