

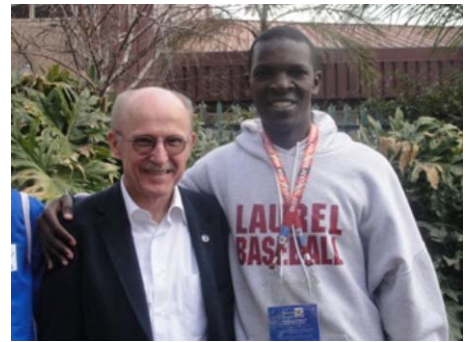
*Msimamo newsletter is Vijana Amani Pamoja's quarterly bulletin that contains in-depth news, stories and activities that take place within VAP and the community that it serves. The newsletter gives a clear picture of WHO we ARE and WHAT we do. Msimamo means "MY STAND."*

## C.E.O's MESSAGE

**"To integrate social and economic values through sports by creating a pro-active health environment!"**

It seems strange that the World Cup has now come and gone and the dust has finally settled down with vuvuzelas' voices disappearing in the thin air!. For Africa as a whole, this has been a major achievement in the global football arena and special thanks goes to South Africa for being the host and having worked tirelessly towards the preparation of the event for over four years. That said, what a fantastic time - any doubts about South Africa's ability to pull it off have surely been laid to rest. It was truly Kenako! .If only some of the teams had lived up to expectations! One of the biggest highlights for Vijana Amani Pamoja was its participation in the FIFA's Festival 2010 which ran for the final two weeks of the World Cup in Alexandria, Johannesburg. Organizations using football for development converged from around the world to take part in this official FIFA and streetfootballworld

event. Even though VAP didn't have a team participating in the games, the representation of Enouce Ndeche to the events was a significant spirit of solidarity.



Enouce Ndeche with Mr. Wilfred Lemke (Special Adviser to the United Nations secretary-General on sports for Development and peace)

## MREMBO GOES A NOTCH HIGHER

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After having a long spell of time delivering the Mrembo skillz which is entirely zeroed on sexual health reproductive messages to (GIRLS) in Kiambiu slum, Mrembo program is spreading its tentacles to schools. The first school to benefit from the Mrembo program is Child survival, located in the middle of Majengo slums. The school has a total of 250 girls all coming from underprivileged families with a myriad of life challenges."It has not been easy to get a program like Mrembo that addresses the challenges of a girl child and empowers them, given the fact that

most programs are boys focused." Said Mr. Joseph Onyango, the head teacher of Child survival.



Mrembo in action

## GRADUATIONS

A total of 3000 student participants from different schools and community centers have so far graduated from the G-pange Skillz HIV/AIDS awareness program. These students have been provided with potential life-saving information and skills to live HIV-free. They have been empowered to conduct peer education activities within community, and to reach out to more others through formal and informal sessions.



G-Pange Skillz graduates, Nazareth School

## G-PANGE SKILLZ STRECHES OUT TO NEW SCHOOLS

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Due to the initial success of the G-pange skillz and subsequent increased demand from schools and community centers for this innovative HIV prevention methodology, VAP is now reaching out to 5 new schools and 4 community centers. The introduction of the G-

Pange program is a spanner in the works towards these schools' HIV/AIDS clubs, extra-curriculum activities and most of all their life skills. The expansion is as a result of continuous support from FIFA (footballforhope) and GTZ (youth development football).

## SPORTS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE YOUTH FORUM

During the world cup 2010, the Sport for Social Change Network hosted a conference to further develop the relationships between network members and provide an opportunity for dialogue and debate. The conference was supported by their partners, Nike and GTZ YDF. Eligious Basil one of the peer educators from Vijana Amani Pamoja was selected to represent VAP and Kenya to attend the SSCN African Youth Forum in Pretoria. The Conference was an excellent opportunity to engage with other organizations throughout Africa using sport as a tool for development. Over the three days there was a variety of discussions and seminars. A few highlights included the Mango financial

management training, the pizza-making on the last night as well as discussing “The way forward” for the SSCN. A major focus for the SSCN is to ensure that youth are actively engaged at all levels of decision making. A total of 33 young leaders from ten African countries gathered together at this Forum which aimed to provide a platform for youth to engage in policy-making and share their experiences as youth involved with sport for social change. As a celebration of the launch of the Forum, the participants were each given a ticket through the Sony Ticket Fund to watch Brazil play a World Cup game at Soccer City.

## KICK N TEST VCT AND TB SCREENING SOCCER TOURNAMENT

For the second time running on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2010, VAP organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Kick N Test and TB screening soccer tournament, and for the very first time

bringing to the fore the TB aspect and mainly its co-relationship with HIV/AIDS. What made this tournament special? The teams did not get points

only for winning or drawing a match, but also for participating in the G-Pange HIV/AIDS Skillz, Stop TB activities 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 the points from a match. Out of 220 participants 156 youth 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 G-Pange HIV/AIDS Skillz and Stop TB activities.

A total of 23 community members got an opportunity for a VCT and TB screening services during the tournament.

## STOP TB PROGRAM

Since the inception of Stop TB program, VAP is currently impacting the lives of 230 students from Rescue Dada centre who are going through the Stop TB program. The program aims to empower students with more knowledge about TB and its co-relation with HIV/AIDS by using soccer.



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