



GIRLS & FOOTBALL SA QUARTERLY REPORT

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The Girls & Football SA team has had an incredibly exciting past three months.

April was a challenging month, as we tackled a devastating and controversial topic in South Africa, the issue of 'corrective' rape. In 2008, Eudy Simelane, a star player on the South African national women's football team, Banyana Banyana, was brutally raped and murdered in her township for being a lesbian. Her story shook South Africa, but incidences of violence towards lesbians haven't decreased. The term 'corrective' rape is used to describe when men rape lesbians in what they see as an attempt to 'correct' their sexual behavior. Lesbian girls or women of any age can be targeted in such an attack. As a result, many girls and women feel it is unsafe to have a 'different' sexual orientation. South African society struggles to accept lesbians and gays, despite South Africa's progressive constitution and the legalization of gay marriage which came into effect in 2006 when the Civil Union Act came into force. As a result of the launch of Girls & Football SA's 'Corrective' Rape and Football [video](#), Girls & Football SA was invited by Al Jazeera to contribute to a debate on the prevalence of rape in the country.

And, speaking of videos, Girls & Football SA also captured the amazing [Dlala Ntombazana All-Girls Tournament](#) in a short video - well worth a watch!

This month, to honor the courage and determination of South Africa's women, Girls & Football SA has collaborated with South Africa's leading retailer [Pick 'n Pay](#), and South Africa's number one online design contest company, [Springleap.com](#), in the '[Fiercely Female & Awesome](#)' T-shirt design campaign.

In seeking to communicate the power of women everywhere, Girls & Football SA has partnered with these two amazing brands to organize South Africa's first creative campaign in honor of the historic march in 1956 when 20,000 women marched in Pretoria to petition against the strengthening of pass laws.

In addition to raising awareness on the importance of national women's day, the winning design will communicate the idea that determination and strength have the power to change the world. Check out our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page for more information!

Girls & Football SA was invited to speak at [TEDxCapeTown](#), an incredible event that exceeded all expectations, delivered incredible ideas and brought together inspiring leaders in the education space in South Africa. The topic of our presentation was the importance of sport for the development of girls and women in economic, social and political spheres.

Particularly noteworthy was the speech delivered by Dr. Mamphela Rampela, a South African academic, businesswoman and medical doctor who was an anti-apartheid activist. Another incredible speaker was Soli Philander, who turned the tables and spoke about what we can learn from children - his humor, intelligence and honesty made for an engaging and enlightening speech.
