

# YASD

Young Achievement Sports for Development

## 2018 Annual Report



*"transforming communities through sport"*

# Introduction

Young people in Zimbabwe constitute over half the total population and yet they are the most under employed demography. As such this has led to idleness that has led to a high increase in drug and alcohol intake and abuse, teenage pregnancies, prostitution, child marriages, petty crime and banditry. As Young Achievement Sports for Development we use sport to aid in transforming these statistics. The organisation started in 2008 in Hatcliffe Ext as a reaction to the displacement caused by the Murambatsvina which left a number of people homeless, displaced and exposed to different elements. A lot of young people ended up not going to school and spent their time on the streets of Hatcliffe. Playing football kept them out of trouble and eventually led to more activities that spearheaded the inclusion of YASD into a broader social movement of networks like Homeless World Cup foundation and Street football world.

The aim of YASD and its three pillars is to:

- a. Transform the lives of young people through sport who are socially excluded by teaching the values of inclusion, equality and development (Sports Training Program)
- b. Enhance the talents and skills of young people so they can transform their lives and provide a safe space for young people to discuss issues affecting them (Youth Support Programme)
- c. Assist in the education of disadvantaged young people living in the Hatcliffe area (Education Support Program).

## 2. Operating Environment

Planned activities were affected by the political and economic environment that existed during and after the harmonized elections of July 31. Fundraising and selection tournaments were affected as donors and corporates were reluctant to assist in funding some of our operations like the Homeless World Cup selection tournaments and the event tournament that was held in November in Mexico. Therefore, we ended up taking just one team instead of the two we were meant to take initially.

## 3. Activities for 2018

- Voter mobilisation, education and participation of young people (Ballot Buddies)
- "Woman Can" initiative (reading, remedial classes) for out of school young women and girls
- International Albinism Awareness Day celebrations
- Launched the Homeless World Cup Selection Tournament (Hatcliffe)
- Zimbabwe HWC selection tournaments (Chitungwiza, Mbare, Epworth, Ruwa/Goromonzi,
- Final HWC team selection 8/500 chosen.
- Launched the Cricket4Hope
- Participation in the Homeless World Cup
- Reaching and Empowering Communities through Sport





# Chairman's Report

I strongly believe that 2018 will be seen as one of the key, fundamentally transformative years of Young Achievement Sports for Development. The year 2018 marks YASD's 11th anniversary, the organisation has transitioned from a reading club, to a community association before registering into an operational organisation, ten years down the line YASD is now a global, modern, efficient institution reaching out to thousands of young people and beneficiaries in marginalised and vulnerable communities.

Since my election as the board Chair in 2015, it has been a phenomenal couple of years which has seen the organisation grow in leaps and bounds. Through forging strong partnerships and relations with various organizations we have managed to impact and transform various communities through sport. The various partnerships (local and international) seek to leverage on the cross fertilization of ideas and capacity development in the creation of a safe hub where young people will come for skills development and training.

Our aim for the coming years is to develop a learning, play and skills center which provides a safe hub where young people can access sports training and learning resources. The safe hub presents a way to introduce sport to young people as well as to provide them with opportunities to attain skills, learn to read and write as well as to have lots of fun and games, within their peer groups and through focused sports training.

I look forward to the continued support of all our partners and hope more will come through to help in the development of young people.

## *Simbarashe Mutamiri*

Simbabrashe Mutamiri YASD  
**Board Chairman**



# Coordinator's Report

The year 2018 started on a high note for YASD our reach has grown beyond the individual child who has no access to education, we have fostered a culture of learning and pursuit of quality education that will see Hatcliffe Extension and other communities we are working producing university graduates in the coming year. The first students of our education program set for the Advanced Level examinations. They are looking forward to start their university education in 2019. We are excited about this.

The Education Assistance Programme continuous to give access to education to under privileged children from Hatcliffe. The Programme strives to meet the goals of the Sustainable Development Goal #4 of ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education which promote life omg learning opportunities.

The Sports Training Programme keeps growing and has seen the organisation rolling out a #Cricket4Hope in partnership with Grassroots Cricket. Under the project YASD has leveraged on the power of cricket to invite the Australian T20 Cricket team which visited an informal school in Hatcliffe Extension. YASD also managed to take part in the annual Homeless World Cup held in Mexico City. The 2018 team was inclusive of a young woman as well as a person with albinism.

2018 was a historic year for Zimbabwe as the country also went through a political transformation that saw in a new government taking over. The country also conducted watershed elections, YASD encouraged young people to take part in the democratic process as their actions would help shape their futures.

Petros Chatiza  
Program Coordinator





## Reaching and Empowering Communities through Sport” Academy (RECS Academy)

The year 2018 saw YASD implementing a woman empowerment focused sports based programmes REACHING and EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH SPORTS

The capacity development activity ran under the name “Reaching and Empowering Communities through Sport” Academy (RECS Academy). YASD trained 30 young women in theoretical and practical integrated awareness raising training through a football tournament framework of with various capacity building activities. The young women who took part of the Academy being involved in sport-related youth work and social impact work. The RECS Academy further strengthen the organizations capacity to mobilize young people for outreach activities. Using the peer educator model the academy has resulted in the organizations footprint in the community becoming more pronounced.





## Community Mobilisation and Voter Education programmes

YASD in partnership with other youth organisation undertook various community mobilisation activities which promoted youth participation in decision making processes specifically electoral processes.

The Year 2018 saw Zimbabwe adopting a new voter registration system which incorporates biometric data. Through the hosting of sports tournaments and galas the organisation encouraged participants to register to vote, as well as to raise awareness on the importance of taking part in electoral processes. The organisation reached out to over 4 000 young people and managed to encourage 1 500 first time voter to register.

YASD has managed to reach out to various communities through its sports based initiatives which it has used to encourage young people to become active citizens who are aware of their rights and who take part in democratic processes.





## Learning Visits and Exchange Programs

YASD staff have been involved in various learning visits and exchanges with various partner organisation to strengthen the organisation capacity. In the first quarter of the year the organizations coordinator visited the Homeless World Cup for strategic meetings to plan for the following 3 years. The coming years will see team Zimbabwe fielding a male and female team.

In the second quarter of 2018 a YASD member visited Life Stitching Goals as the Dutch Homeless World Cup partner held the 2018 Dutch Street Cup, the visit was to strengthen relations as well as to adopt best practices which should see improved monitoring and evaluation of programmes and projects.





## Launch of the #Cricket4Hope Project

2018 saw YASD launching the #Cricket4Hope project in Hatcliffe Extension. The project seeks to develop grassroots cricket development through coaching clinics in schools which encourage young people to attend and take part in academic learning. Education in slum / informal communities is a luxury which many cannot afford, the use of cricket will provide a learning through play platform which can impart skills and knowledge for community development.

Under the project being in done in partnership with Grassroots Cricket, YASD hosted the T20 Australian Cricket team in Hatcliffe Extension. The visit by the Aussies saw the cricket team making kit donation as well as stationery to an informal school where the project was being piloted.

The project is now focused on expansion into other schools and communities.





## Australian Cricketers visit Hatcliffe extension in Harare

<https://www.cricketworld.com/australian-cricketers-visit-hatcliffe-extension-in-harare/51848.htm>

Members of the Australian Cricket team visited Hatcliffe Extension in Harare today to meet some of the local children and learn about the work a Brisbane based charity, Grassroots Cricket is doing in the community to better the education of the local children.

Grassroots Cricket uses the power of cricket to educate, inspire and mobilise disadvantaged communities. The aim of the organisation is to facilitate the spread of cricket in underdeveloped countries primarily in Africa to provide an opportunity for underprivileged children to enjoy a more fulfilling life. It does this by providing equipment donated by Brisbane cricket clubs.

Tawanda Karasa, Grassroots Cricket Director said: "It is no mean achievement for cricket in Zimbabwe and specifically for young people of Hatcliffe. This will go a long way towards inspiring the development of the sport in the area. This is a demonstration of how we can use the power and spirit of cricket to break down social barriers and change the lives of disadvantaged. The visit will give kids a rare chance to rub shoulders with their world class heroes on this tour."

Australian Patron of Grassroots Cricket Patron, Greg Chappell, said: "I am delighted that Cricket Australia has been able to accommodate such a good cause. Well done to all involved including Grassroots Cricket, Cricket Australia and YASD".

Grassroots Cricket Inc is partnering with Young Achievement Sports for Development (YASD), a youth-focused, community-based organization that uses sport to transform marginalised and vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe to implement its Cricket4Hope program. YASD's mission is "To transform communities through sport, by delivering effective mentorship, coaching and education to young people from impoverished backgrounds".

"YASD is humbled and honoured to have the Australian Cricket team visit Hatcliffe Extension. The visit by the team is an historic occasion as they are the first international sports team to visit the Hatcliffe Extension settlement and support the sports based initiative of the organisation in transforming communities." said Joe Kuseka, YASD Spokesperson.

Speaking on the experience Australian T20 vice-captain Alex Carey said: "It was incredible to get out to the Hatcliffe community today and see for ourselves the great work charities like Grassroots Cricket and YASD do."

"The smiles on the kid's faces will be something I remember forever and it was awesome to see how powerful sport can be when used as a vehicle to drive education in these communities."

### Cricket Cares

Through its official charity partners, Movember, the McGrath Foundation and the Alannah & Madeline Foundation, individual player charities, disaster relief efforts, and broader community work, the Cricket Cares program uses cricket as an agent of change in the community.

Australian crickets squads undertake community work during each of their overseas tours.

## Include albinism players in sport: Murisa

<https://www.newsday.co.zw/2018/06/include-albinism-players-in-sport-murisa/>

Former Caps United, Dynamos and Highlanders striker, Stewart Murisa has challenged authorities to consider the inclusion of people living with albinism in local sport.

Murisa, a coach at Eastern Region Division Two side, Chitungwiza FC, was guest of honour at International Albinism Awareness Day commemoration at Raylton Sports Club in Harare yesterday.

Organised by the Zimbabwe Albino Association in conjunction with the Young Achievers Sports Development (YASD), the occasion was used as a platform to choose two people living with albinism, who are going to be part of the Homeless World Cup team set for Mexico City in November.

“People living with albinism have been discriminated for a long time, especially in local sport. In my view, sport doesn’t choose, it doesn’t have colour or gender, but it’s all about talent. Any albino, who has talent should be given a chance,” Murisa told Newsday Sport.

“Involving people living with albinism in the Homeless World Cup teams is the beginning of a journey of inclusion. Growing up, I have never heard of a professional footballer with albinism and I think it’s high time we look at them differently,” Murisa said.

“In commemoration of the day, we decided to let their light shine to the world by giving them an opportunity to be selected to be part of the 2018 Homeless World Cup team,” YASD communication and publicity officer, Joe Kuseka said.

“We will be working with a couple of sports people for them to give something for the purchase of sunscreen lotion, so they can take part in sport,” he said.

The Homeless World Cup selection began in Hatcliffe Extension and will be in Epworth this Saturday.



Source : NewsDay (Zimbabwe)



## Masiyazi for Homeless World Cup

<https://www.herald.co.zw/masiyazi-for-homeless-world-cup/>

ZIMBABWE will once again be part of this year's Homeless World Cup football jamboree which will welcome 63 teams representing 47 nations across the globe in Mexico City, Mexico, in November.

The Homeless World Cup tournament will return to the venue of the successful 2012 event, the iconic Zocalo, right in the heart of Mexico City. In fact, the Homeless World Cup Foundation uses football to inspire homeless people to change their own lives — through the power of teamwork and participation — while also changing people's perceptions of homelessness and the issues surrounding it.

And this year's inspirational tournament will run from November 13-18 with an expected 200 000 spectators and millions more watching the event online. More than 400 fast-paced games will take place across four purpose-built pitches. The men's/mixed competition will see 47 squads competing for six separate trophies, while 16 teams will play for two trophies on the women's competition.

More than 500 players, including eight from Zimbabwe, will travel to the Mexican capital for the week-long football festival. In Mexico City, Zimbabwe will be joined by five other African countries — Egypt, Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Namibia and South Africa — who have also entered teams for this year's Homeless World Cup tournament.

Team Zimbabwe for the Homeless World Cup has over the past six years or so been picked by a local non-profit making organisation, Young Achievement Sports for Development, who run their programmes from Harare's high-density suburb of Hatcliffe.

And the YASD, through their project co-ordinator Petros Chatiza, yesterday indicated that Team Zimbabwe for the 2018 Zimbabwe Homeless World Cup will, for the first time, feature a player with albinism — Douglas Masiyazi.

"Participation of people with albinism in the Homeless World Cup highlights the challenges that people with albinism face everyday — exclusion, social marginalisation and stigma," Chatiza said.

"In Zimbabwe, for most people with albinism, taking part in sports activities is a major health hazard. Due to poor eyesight coupled with burns associated with long exposure to the sun, most people with albinism end up shying away from sporting activities.

"But Douglas Masiyazi is a man who has defied odds through his passion for football, which has seen him being selected for the 2018 Zimbabwe Homeless World Cup team which will participate in the annual global street soccer showcase in Mexico from November 13-18.

"Masiyazi is a 29-year-old man with albinism. In Zimbabwe due to the high cost of sunscreen lotions and spectacles people with albinism often find themselves on the sidelines of sports activities.

Douglas has dared to overcome the hurdle of inclusion by taking part in the Zimbabwe Homeless World Cup selection tournament."

Joe Kuseka, the YASD communications manager, also said quite a number of people with albinism took part in their selection process of Team Zimbabwe for this year's Homeless World Cup but due to financial constraints, they were forced to pick only one player.

# Homeless World Cup

YASD's 2018 Homeless World Cup campaign was highly successful, the Zimbabwe team finished the tournament at its best position since taking part in the tournament. The team finished in position 14 out of 14 countries.

The 2018 Homeless World Cup selection saw YASD expanding the project to incorporate other marginalised and vulnerable communities surrounding Harare. Selection tournaments were conducted in various communities, with close to 500 young people participating and an equal number coming to spectate.

YASD uses the Homeless World Cup to promote Inclusion, Participation and Development .The 2018 campaign saw the organisation working with people with albinism. To promote inclusion and

YASD forged new partnerships in their 2018 Mexico City campaign and signed Mafró as their kits sponsor for the tournament.





# Homeless World Cup

Mexico 2018





# Education Programme

The Education Assistance Programme continues to support various children to access a quality education through placing them in formal and boarding schools.

To date the programme has seen 8 young people sitting for their junior secondary education, and several in primary education.





## Challenges

- Because of funding challenges, The Women Can Reading club failed to sit for their matriculation exams.
- The voter mobilization and voter education projects highlighted the lack national registration documents amongst young people which results in texclusion form participation
- Lack of sporting equipment limits the organizations ability to expand into other communities where it can be of assistance
- Climate change has resulted in harsh weather condition which expose many vulnerable families to the elements of the weather.

## Successes

- Participation in the 2018 Homeless World Cup
- Best performance of team Zimbabwe in the HWC achieving 14th out of 40 countries present in Mexico
- Awarded Carlos Slim Shield 6th place
- Awarded with 2 whistles of hope (goalkeeper Simba and Captain Ngoni Fero)
- The first female manager, managing an all-male Zimbabwe team

## Plans for 2019

- To start and finish the National Selection tournaments between January and April.
- To field the first female team Zimbabwe team for the HWC
- To participate in the 2019 HWC in Cardiff Wales
- To expand the #Cricket4Hope project to reach more communities and schools
- To continue and expand the education assistance programme
- To develop and adopt a social enterprise model to aid fundraising for the organisation
- Expansion of women empowerment projects





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