

2016 Brings Excitement for CameroonFDP

CameroonFDP is off to an exciting 2016. Our Boys' Leagues in both Kumba and Mamfe will soon launch and we have been busy preparing through player screenings and coaches' clinics.

To organize the teams for the league, we first screened players in Kumba and Mamfe. This process is used to verify the eligibility of the players to participate in the CameroonFDP league. The players have to provide documentation to prove to be between 10-14 years old and enrolled in school. We will also create their players passes, which are our league documentation.

We have also held coaches' clinics for our coaches in Kumba and Mamfe. CameroonFDP staff learned these seminar methods and activities through Coaches Across Continents (CAC), an online certificate course. The training included classroom activities with discussions on how to incorporate educational messages into the game. The coaches also discussed how to be an effective role model and mentor to players. The training then included field activities such as games from CAC, which teach educational messages and technical football drills. This coaching clinic was very successful and we look forward to seeing the coaches use their new skills in the upcoming league.

We are also honored to announce that CameroonFDP has recently won the FIFA Football for Hope Grant. Every year the world-governing body of soccer, Federation International de Football Associations (FIFA), allocates a small portion of its budget to support grassroots soccer around the globe through its FIFA Football for Hope Support Programme. The two-year grant will fund activities to increase health education, gender equity, and leadership development in four (4) different communities in Cameroon in 2016 and 2017. This grant is the second award from FIFA, the initial being a \$20,000 USD grant in 2015. This award of \$60,000 will go to support the growth and development of their innovative model for sport-based youth development, which incorporates values and life skills education into community soccer leagues in the Central African nation of Cameroon.

We are excited to launch our Boy's League soon through the help of the FIFA Football for Hope Grant and look forward to our upcoming tournaments. Stay tuned for updates!