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UPDATE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

It's with great honour we write to thank you for your continued co-operation throughout the year. We at the secretariat have learnt and enjoyed working with all Network members, Partners and Associates. All your contributions and suggestions were valuable to us.

This year’s activities have been successful and it is because of each and everyone’s effort. We are looking forward to an even stronger cooperation between all of you with the Secretariat in the new year. You know your highlights of the year and we look forward to hear more about them in your stories, please send articles to be published on the website. Secretariat look forward to see all the data in our Database.

Highlights from the year through the eyes of the secretariat:
- Leader level 2 training
- Monitoring and Evaluation meeting with Database training
- Curriculum Review
- Curriculum Development
- Assessment guide development
- Database (Intranet) created and launched
- New Website with English editing mode
- New promotional material developed and distributed
- All existing members have signed the MoUs and policies
- Partnership agreements developed

It’s that time of the year to celebrate with friends and family members. We at the Secretariat wish you a Merry Christmas and a fantastic 2010
From the 18th to 20th November, the Kicking AIDS Out Secretariat brought together coaches, sports instructors and practitioners at Stellenbosch University, in Cape Town to work towards the development of sport specific training modules in football, volleyball, basketball and netball as tools to communicate life skills messages to participants. The objective of the meeting was to develop modules that will equip coaches with skills on how to: reflect on sport specific activities, derive learning from it and apply the learning in a practical manner that will enable children and youth to learn and develop fundamental skills through play and games while encouraging maximum participation and enjoyment. It is in this regard that the Kicking AIDS Out Secretariat approached Community Development and Resource Association (CDRA), Centre for Development studies to facilitate this workshop. CDRA will also help in putting together this resource material.

The meeting was preceded by a two day follow-up meeting from the August Curriculum Review and Development working group workshop on the 16th and 17th Nov, 09. The workshop reviewed the existing Kicking AIDS Out Training materials and input into the development of the Kicking AIDS Out Training Pathway and Assessment tools.

SNAPSHOT OF NET”WORK” 2010

The Kicking AIDS Out Network finalised the Training Pathway, Assessment tools and other training materials and templates that will be implemented from January 2010. Also in the development stages is the creation of the Sexual reproductive health modules in collaboration with the City of Toronto and Seodhna Keown.

In the final stages is also the development of an Activity Book with Right to Play. This Activity book will be our first project among many more to come. We are humbly honoured to have such great partnerships and resource people who add value to our work.
Life skill activities as part of the 5th Vietnam – Norway Cup 2009

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A Life Skill Stand is organized next to the artificial grass football pitch at 11 Dong Da Street, Hue City, open for every one, but especially to the children of Hue City.

Many life skill activities took place in parallel with football matches from the 10th to 15th Nov, 09. Various kinds of games in teams and in individual sport, film and music attracted hundreds of children. On the first day of the event, there were 250 children and adults visiting the Life Skill Stand and participating in life skill games. Knowledge, slogans, and leaflets educating about HIV, smoking, drugs, hygiene and sanitation, and topics such as team work, equality, and respectfulness... were integrated into games. Life skill facilitators (Peerleaders), in spite of hustle and bustle, always welcomed guests with amicable smiles.
“IT’S TIME”
Friday the 4th of December 2009

Cape Town beauty lies in its myriad of natural and man-made attractions as the Cape Towneans say: in deed I do concur with them after the great experience I had in Cape Town during the final draw for FIFA 2010 world cup.

The publicity from the media fraternity, the composure and passion from Africa people gave a glimpse of what the world should expect from the entire African continent and not only South Africa.

The day kicked off with colorful side show activities; fans dressed in Bafana Bafana “Yellow” colors which symbolize fair play. No body wanted to miss out this memorable opportunity, from boys to men, girls to women and even the kids and elders were not left behind.

The crowd could not stop singing and dancing outside the Conventional building perimeter waiting to see the most admirable celebrities and invited guest for the event, walking through the red carpet towards the entrance of the convention building. I only do– see this on television and I couldn’t believe when I was walking through the red carpet seeing myself on the big screen and meeting with celebrities from all over the world.

These only marked the beginning of my experience in this world class event: In side the convention building is where the real show took place with a heady mix of live music and guest appearance by some of the biggest personality in sport and entertainment. Sensational performance from Grammy Award – winning Soweto Gospel Choir and Angeliique Kidjo made the crowd to go wild. I also had an opportunity to chat with Angeliique Kidjo and also posed for a photo with Fernando Hierro former Spain and real Madrid captain. I got inspired by their talk, not because of their personality but rather their inputs towards community and social development.

The speeches from FIFA president and South Africa president his Excellency Jacob Zuma demonstrated the unity and commitment in making 2010 World cup a success. I echoed the sentiments of his Excellency Jacob Zuma that by the end of the tournament the trophy will remain in Africa and leave a legacy on changing the circumstances of many people through its social development programmes. In deed its time "KE NEKO" as South Africa prepares to Host the FIFA 2010 world cup.

I did not only had the opportunity to witness the final draw for FIFA 2010 world cup but also attended the opening ceremony of the first 20 centers for 2010 at Khayelitsha in the Harare neighborhood Cape Town.

20 centers for 2010 is the official campaign of the 2010 FIFA world cup, aiming to promote public health, education and football in disadvantaged communities across Africa. The campaign emphasizes the power of football far beyond the boundaries of the pitch.

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Your change is a change to the world. Have a great festive season. Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

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