

**MISSION:**

To provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with an intellectual disability, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

HISTORY:

Founded and accredited in 1988.

PARTICIPANTS (per the 2019 census):

Registered athletes and Unified Teammates: 6,228
 Coaches: 863
 Competitions: 300

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

- 2019 Special Olympics World Games, Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 2015 Special Olympics World Games, Los Angeles, USA (40 athletes)
- 2011 Special Olympics World Games, Athens, Greece (18 delegates)
- 2010 Special Olympics Global Congress, Marrakesh, Morocco
- 2007 Special Olympics World Games, Shanghai, China (32 delegates)
- 2003 Special Olympics World Games, Dublin, Ireland (18 athletes)
- 1999 Special Olympics World Games, North Carolina, USA (16 athletes)
- 1995 Special Olympics World Games, Connecticut, USA (14 athletes)
- 1991 Special Olympics World Games, Minnesota, USA

SUPPORT:

Government through the Botswana National Sports Commission is the largest support as they allocate funds for the Program every year. The Program also conducts fundraisers throughout the year.

4 OFFICIAL SPORTS:

Aquatics	Athletics
Football (Soccer)	Volleyball

OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

Athlete Leadership, FIFA Football for Hope (FFH), Healthy Athletes, Family Support Network, Youth Activation, Young Athletes

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:

Setswana and English

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