

# 2023 GLOBAL REACH REPORT



## SPORTS

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS  
ATHLETES & UNIFIED PARTNERS



**4,238,388**

2022-2023 CHANGE **+8%↑**

### ATHLETES

**3,595,966** **+8%↑**

PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (ID)

### YOUNG ATHLETES

**264,938** **+16%↑**

AGES 2 TO 7 YEARS

### MATP

**56,178** **+13%↑**

MOTOR ACTIVITY TRAINING PROGRAM

### UNIFIED PARTNERS

**642,422** **10.4%↑**

### ATHLETE GENDER



## COMPETITIONS

**53,779**

2022-2023 CHANGE **+16%↑**



UNIFIED  
**21,276**

2022-2023 CHANGE **+33%↑**

## COACHES

**366,978** **+12%↑**

2022-2023 CHANGE

### CERTIFIED

**214,425**

2022-2023 CHANGE **+8%↑**

### CERTIFIED COACH TO

**1:16**

ATHLETE RATIO

## SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS

**1,225**

2022-2023 CHANGE **+10%↑**

## GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

NATIONAL & STATE PROGRAMS

**256**

COUNTRIES & JURISDICTIONS

**207**

LOCAL CLUBS / LOCAL PROGRAMS

**26,100** 2022-2023 CHANGE **+20%↑**

## LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY



### ATHLETE LEADERS

**48,940** **+8%↑**

2022-2023 CHANGE

### REGISTERED FAMILY MEMBERS

**561,163** **+4%↑**

2022-2023 CHANGE



### VOLUNTEERS

**777,670** **+16%↑**

2022-2023 CHANGE

### PROGRAMS WITH PAID LEADERSHIP

**152** **+8%↑**

2022-2023 CHANGE

### NUMBER OF PAID STAFF WITH ID

**221** **-6%↓**

2022-2023 CHANGE

## HEALTH



### ATHLETES PARTICIPATING IN FITNESS

**479,226**

2022-2023 CHANGE **+21%↑**

### HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

**145** **+10%↑**

2022-2023 CHANGE

### HEALTHY ATHLETES SCREENINGS

**72,468**

2022-2023 CHANGE **+74%↑**

### HEALTH CARE WORKERS TRAINED

**65,872** **+74%↑**

2022-2023 CHANGE



### YOUNG ATHLETES

**264,938**

2022-2023 CHANGE

**+16%↑**

## EDUCATION & YOUTH



UNIFIED SCHOOLS  
**20,160**

2022-2023 CHANGE

**+10%↑**

UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS  
**12,018**

2022-2023 CHANGE

**+15%↑**

YOUTH LEADERS  
**105,026**

2022-2023 CHANGE

**+13%↑**

# GLOBAL FOOTPRINT



NATIONAL & STATE PROGRAMS

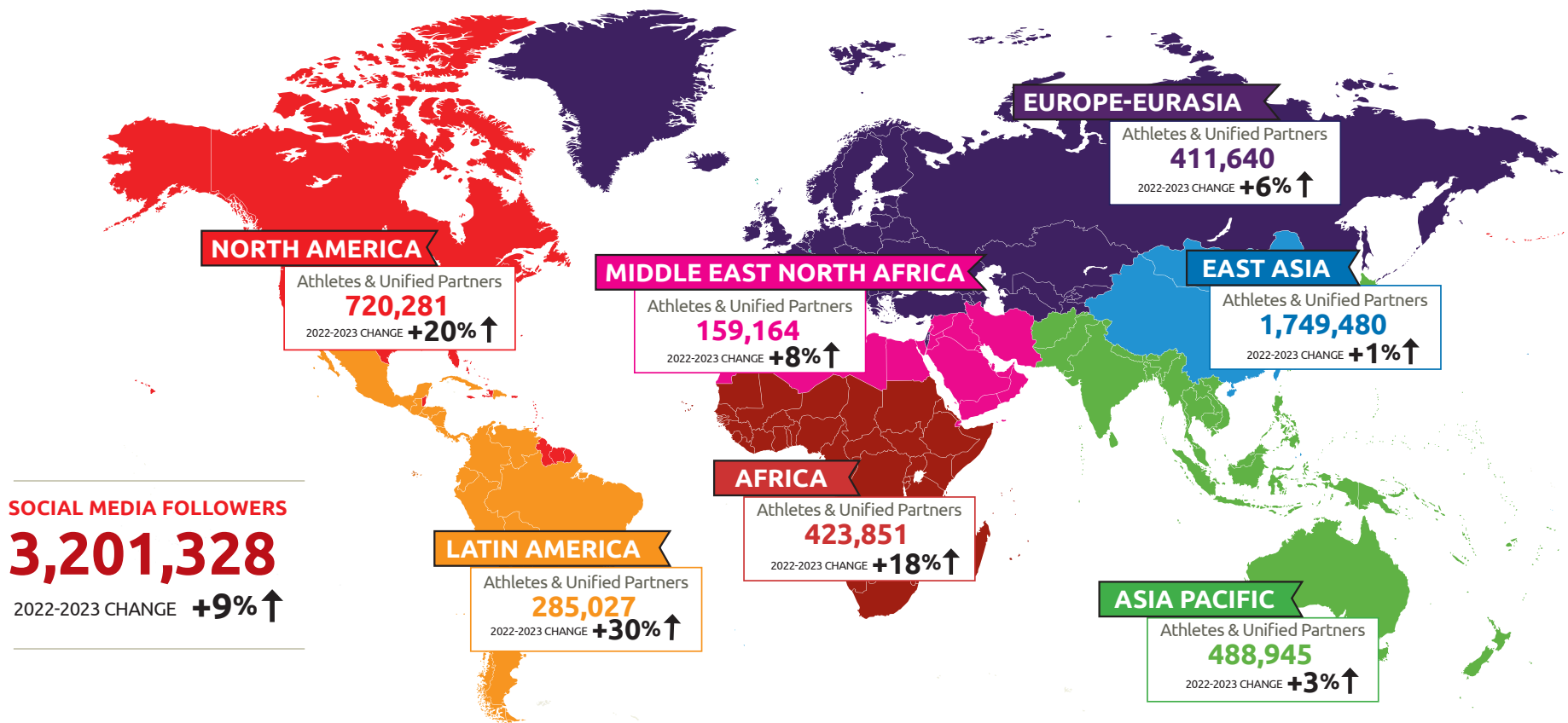
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## DEFINITIONS:

**UNIFIED SPORTS:** Special Olympics Sports programming in which people with ID (Unified Athletes) and without ID (Unified Partners) train and compete together as teammates.

**UNIFIED SCHOOLS:** a school or university that conducts Unified Sports opportunities at least 2 times within a calendar year.

**UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS®:** a program for schools Pre-K through university that promotes meaningful social inclusion utilizing 3 interconnected components: Unified Sports®, inclusive youth leadership, and whole school engagement.

**YOUNG ATHLETES:** a sport and play program for children with and without intellectual disabilities (ID), ages 2 to 7 years old.

**HEALTHY COMMUNITIES:** a Special Olympics recognition program working to increase access to quality health care and effective prevention programming to improve the health of people with intellectual disabilities through activating public and private sector partners to adopt more inclusive practices, training and empowering athletes and caregivers to become vocal advocates.

**PROGRAM:** qualified entity licensed and accredited by Special Olympics International to operate Special Olympics programming within their respective geographic territory (country, jurisdiction or U.S. state).

**LOCAL CLUB / SUB-PROGRAM:** an organized local unit / branch conducting Special Olympics activities in a community outside of a school setting.

**MOTOR ACTIVITY TRAINING PROGRAM (MATP):** is designed for individuals with intellectual disabilities with severe limitations who do not yet possess the physical and/or behavioral skills necessary to participate in official Special Olympics sports.