

2024 GLOBAL REACH REPORT



SPORTS

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
ATHLETES & UNIFIED PARTNERS



4,660,299

2023-2024 CHANGE **+10% ↑**

ATHLETES

3,830,474 **+7% ↑**

PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (ID)

YOUNG ATHLETES

294,996 **+12% ↑**

AGES 2 TO 7 YEARS

MATP

64,428 **+15% ↑**

MOTOR ACTIVITY TRAINING PROGRAM

UNIFIED PARTNERS

829,825 **+29% ↑**

ATHLETE GENDER



COMPETITIONS

59,954

2023-2024 CHANGE **+11% ↑**



UNIFIED
27,784

2023-2024 CHANGE **+27% ↑**

COACHES

393,943 **+8% ↑**

2023-2024 CHANGE

CERTIFIED

233,804

2023-2024 CHANGE **+9% ↑**

CERTIFIED COACH TO

1:16

ATHLETE RATIO

SPORTS PARTNERSHIPS

1,271

2023-2024 CHANGE **+4% ↑**

GLOBAL FOOTPRINT

NATIONAL & STATE PROGRAMS

256

COUNTRIES & JURISDICTIONS

208

LOCAL CLUBS / LOCAL PROGRAMS

25,550

2023-2024 CHANGE **-2% ↓**

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY



ATHLETE LEADERSHIP IN A MEANINGFUL ROLE

51,046

2023-2024 CHANGE **+4% ↑**

REGISTERED FAMILIES

663,224

2023-2024 CHANGE **+25% ↑**



VOLUNTEERS

820,832

2023-2024 CHANGE **+6% ↑**

PROGRAMS WITH PAID LEADERSHIP

147

2023-2024 CHANGE **-3% ↓**

NUMBER OF PAID STAFF WITH ID

246

2023-2024 CHANGE **+11% ↑**

HEALTH



ATHLETES PARTICIPATING IN FITNESS

432,698

2023-2024 CHANGE **-10% ↓**

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

154

2023-2024 CHANGE **+6% ↑**

HEALTHY ATHLETES SCREENINGS

68,053

2023-2024 CHANGE **-6% ↓**

HEALTH CARE WORKERS TRAINED

114,180

2023-2024 CHANGE **+73% ↑**



YOUNG ATHLETES

294,996

2023-2024 CHANGE **+12% ↑**

EDUCATION & YOUTH



UNIFIED SCHOOLS

24,383

2023-2024 CHANGE **+21% ↑**

UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS

14,491

2023-2024 CHANGE **+21% ↑**

YOUTH LEADERS (8-25)

91,398

2023-2024 CHANGE **-13% ↓**

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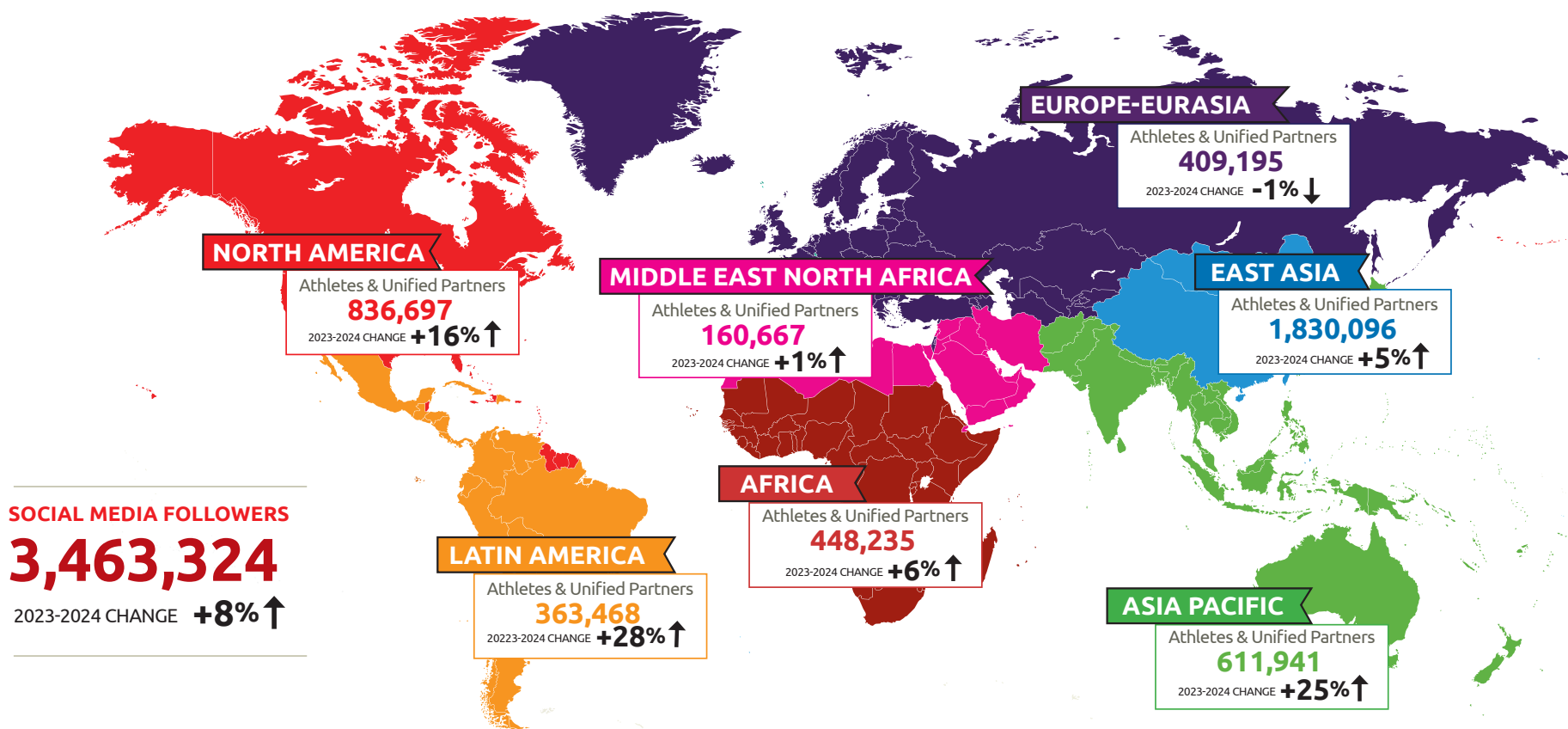
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DEFINITIONS:

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.