

ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021



**Special
Olympics**



AFRICA REGION

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On the cover: Special Olympics Rwanda female football team celebrates their goal at the 2020 Pan Africa Games.

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MISSION



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

Special Olympics is a global movement of people creating a new world of inclusion and community, where every single person is accepted and welcomed, regardless of ability or disability. We are helping to make the world a better, healthier and more joyful place -- one athlete, one volunteer, one family member at a time.



3.8 Mill

Special Olympics athletes



8 years and up

Special Olympics athletes age group



2 - 7 years

Young Athletes program

COMMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT



During the past two years, 2020 and 2021, the Africa Region has seen many "first ever" across our 37 Programs, and across the world.

In January 2020, the first ever Special Olympics Pan African Games were held successfully in Cairo, Egypt in collaboration with the Middle East North Africa (MENA) Region (see page 9). Our Africa Region leadership team was ready for an action-packed 2020, to be kicked off with a face-to-face Africa Leadership Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa. As we departed from a successful Pan African Games, news was slowly trickling in announcing a new coronavirus, spreading rapidly in China. As the virus spread further, the world started shutting down and cancelling activities. The Africa Region cancelled all face-to-face events and halted travel.

It is at this point we got very concerned with our Special Olympics athletes around the Africa Region. The only relevant means of contact, digital means, would not reach the majority of athletes.

A quick survey taken suggested that 10% of athletes in the Africa Region had access to reliable digital communication.

With this in mind, we had to find an alternative to keep our Region's athletes active. The innovative FIT 5 card was introduced and customized to meet this need. These cards were widely welcomed and supported by our partners such as UNICEF in Kenya, and many others in several African countries. They were produced in masses and distributed to athletes.

Two years later today, with restrictions in most countries eased, the FIT 5 cards continue to be used by our athletes to hold activities at their various locations. Thanks to all our partners and Program Leaders that worked around the clock to ensure athletes continue receiving physical activities while in isolation.

Despite the difficulties faced resulting from the coronavirus pandemic, the Africa Region Program leadership displayed outstanding commitment to Special Olympics athletes with creative and innovative approaches



SPECIAL OLYMPICS
1ST PAN AFRICAN
GAMES
EGYPT 2020

African Reach Report


45,933
Number of Unified Partners


29,188
Number of Athletes


75,121
Number of Registered Athletes and Unified Partners



PIIONEER PARTNER

The 'A Very Special Christmas' albums, created by world renowned musical artists, producers and A&M Records, launched the first album launched in 1987. In 2017, over \$3 million was allocated by the Christmas Records Trust to support Program Development and fund Christmas Record Grants. These grants were used to recruit athletes, train coaches, host competitions, and expand athlete and partner participation in Unified Sports. Since 1998, over \$70 million has been given to Special Olympics Programs from the Christmas Records Trust.

to promote activity continuation and also ensuring respective national and Special Olympics Health protocols are adhered to.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought new challenges to this population,

and our global Special Olympics team, in close collaboration with the Africa Region, has made significant modifications to programming, availing creative digital and other means of access to continued health and fitness activities of Special Olympics athletes, while exercising safety measures by following some carefully designed protocols.

Special Olympics programming continues to empower this population, to be resilient and bold. It is encouraging and exciting to witness the record number of very strong leaders that have emerged among the athletes, and they are giving direction in the organization.

This report provides a summary of activities held during the last two years under the coronavirus pandemic.

We sincerely thank and encourage our partners, individuals and organizations, including governments, for their continued investment in this worthwhile Movement. Thank you for being a part of this success!

Charles Nyambe
Regional President and Managing Director, Africa Region



POWER TO TRANSFORM LIVES



	<p>ALL ABILITY SPORTS</p>	<p>Changing the typical reality of daily exclusion and humiliation, we enable Special Olympics athletes to experience a different reality through training and equal ability competition.</p>
	<p>HEALTH</p>	<p>Special Olympics is the world's largest public health organization for people with intellectual disabilities.</p>
	<p>SOCIAL INCLUSION</p>	<p>Through unified activities that bring together people with and without intellectual disabilities, we foster mutual understanding and acceptance.</p>
	<p>COMMUNITY BUILDING</p>	<p>We mobilize resources to unify the power of individuals and organizations to drive positive attitudes and behavior change.</p>



“The ultimate goal of all our work is to rid the world of discrimination against people with intellectual disabilities and by doing so, to open the hearts of every human being to the beauty and dignity of each of us.”

Tim Shriver, PHD
Chair, Special Olympics



SPECIAL OLYMPICS AND THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Achieving an inclusive world for all, driven by the power of sport, through which people with intellectual disabilities live an active healthy and fulfilling life

This will enable people with intellectual disabilities to achieve their full potential and enjoy the same rights as anyone else and respect by wider society,

Then we will create inclusive mindsets which in turn improve organizations, policies and social norms to create inclusive environments

If we provide high quality sports opportunities, improve health, share the achievements, gifts and leadership skills of people with intellectual disabilities, and create opportunities for people with and without intellectual disabilities, and create opportunities to interact through and beyond sports



OUTCOMES

People with intellectual disabilities improve physical well-being, skills, fitness and health

People with intellectual disabilities, teammates, families, volunteers and others improve social and emotional well-being

People without disabilities behave more inclusively

Organizations are more inclusive through the work of Special Olympics and influence of athletes

Africa Region

OVERVIEW



The population of sub-Saharan Africa is almost 1 billion people. According to World Health Organization estimates, this means there could be as many as 30 million adults and children with intellectual disabilities that deserve equal opportunity to reach their potential on the playing field, and in life.



VOLUNTEERS
26,308



FAMILY MEMBERS
43,128
FAMILY LEADERS
578



YOUNG ATHLETES
9,601



ATHLETE LEADERS
815

HEALTH PROGRAMS



HEALTHY ATHLETE SCREENINGS
6,126



NUMBER OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TRAINED
460

2021 Reach Report

ATHLETES

234,867

UNIFIES PARTNERS

45,933

TOTAL

280,800



COMPETITIONS



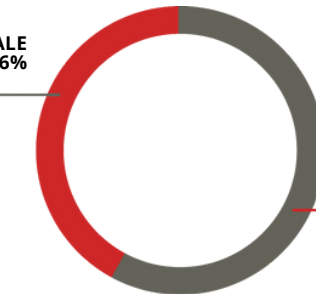
13,009

5,795 UNIFIED SPORTS COMPETITIONS



COACHES
22,720

FEMALE
42.6%



MALE
57.4%

SCHOOLS



NUMBER OF SCHOOLS ENGAGED IN Special Olympics
5,225



NUMBER OF SCHOOLS ENGAGED IN UNIFIED SPORTS
1,395

HEALTH PROGRAMS



NUMBER OF HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS
45

PAN AFRICAN GAMES



SPECIAL OLYMPICS
1ST PAN AFRICAN GAMES
EGYPT 2020

History was made with the Special Olympics 1st Pan-African Games Egypt 2020!

The Games were held from 23 - 31 January 2020, under the Auspices of H.E. Abdel Fattah El Sisi, President of Egypt and Chairperson of the African Union. in cooperation with Ministry of Youth & Sports, and the Ministry of Social Solidarity.

For the very first time, two Special Olympics regions joined forces to create one unified Pan African Games. These Games invited 800 delegation participants from 42 countries to participate in a series of sports and non-sports events. The series of first evers does not end there; for the first time in the history of Special Olympics, the Games have boasted an unprecedented 50% female participation rate.

The Games' legacy will live on, not only in Egypt, but will also be extended with Rwanda's commitment to host the second African Games, in addition to serving as a best-practice of how two Special Olympics regions can join forces to deliver unique Games.



50%

female participation

531

Delegates from 34 countries



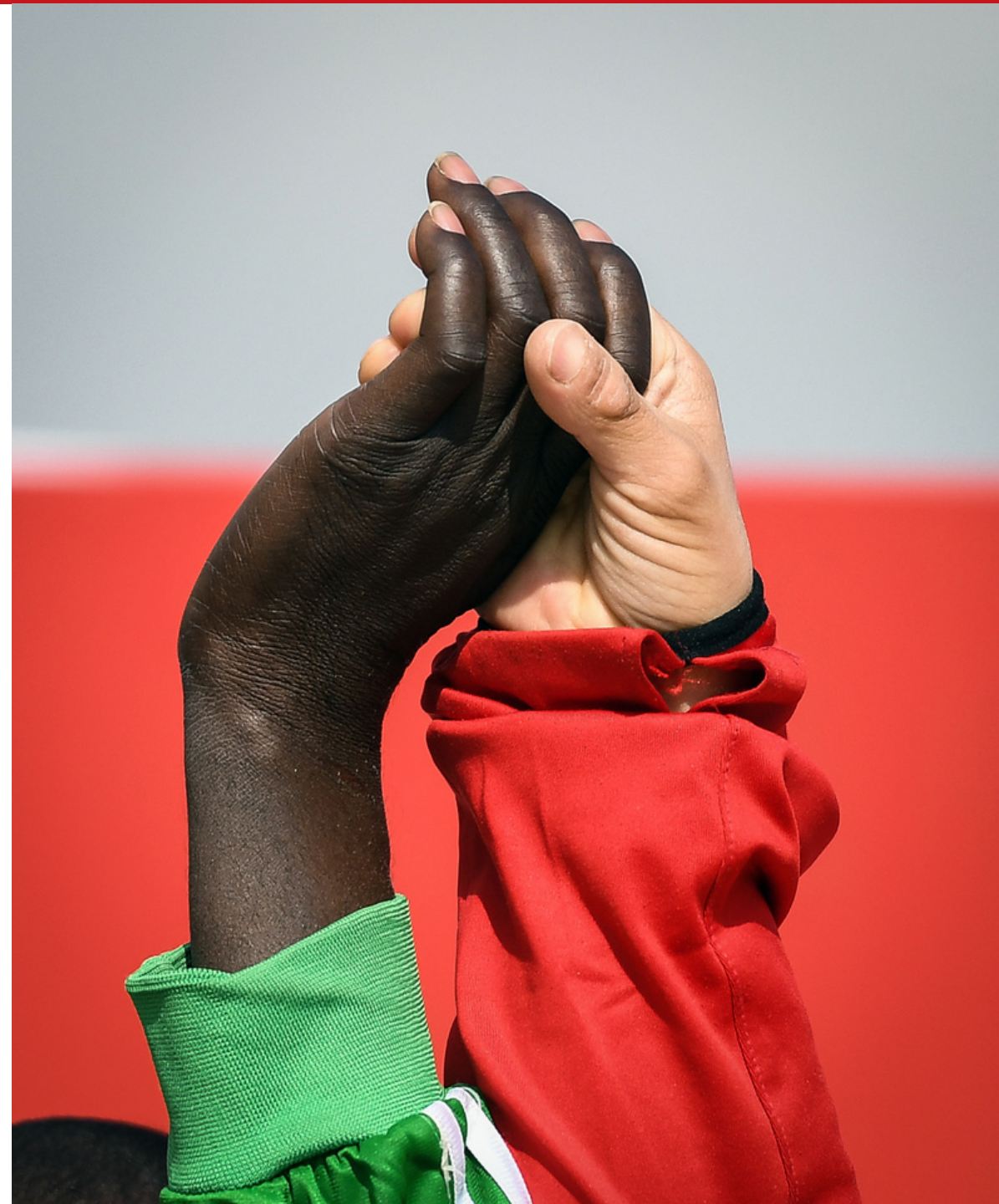
PAN AFRICAN GAMES



SPECIAL OLYMPICS
1ST PAN AFRICAN
GAMES
EGYPT 2020

“ We have re-written history with a series of firsts: the first-ever Pan African Games, the first Games with 50% female participation and the first ever unity of two regions. ”

Ayman Abdel Wahab
Chairman, Games Local Organizing Committee
Regional President, Special Olympics Middle East-North Africa Region



“ This is monumental: the Games represented the perfect opportunity for athletes in Africa to showcase their skills and personal best at a continental event. A once in a lifetime opportunity for some! ”

Charles Nyambe, President & Managing Director,
Africa Region

PAN AFRICAN GAMES



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1ST PAN AFRICAN
GAMES
EGYPT 2020



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Sports



Athletics



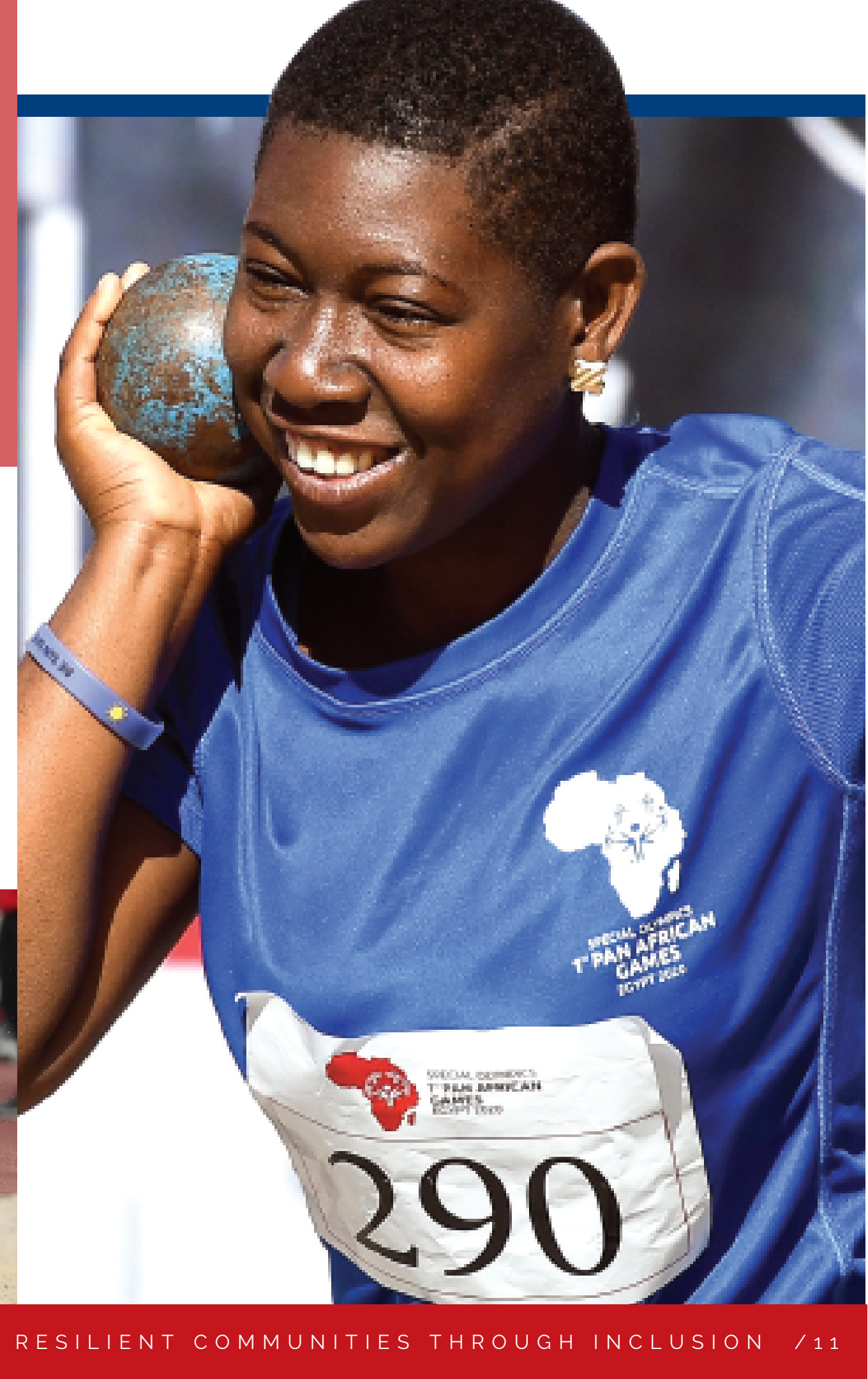
Basketball



Bocce



Football



PAN AFRICAN GAMES



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1ST PAN AFRICAN
GAMES
EGYPT 2020



124

Sports heats & matches

743

Volunteers

57.4 M

Digital Media Impressions



HEALTHY ATHLETES



SPECIAL OLYMPICS
1ST PAN AFRICAN
GAMES
EGYPT 2020

The first-ever Pan African Games provided a one of a kind experience,

including Healthy Athletes, with 1845 screenings conducted in just 5 days across 6 disciplines. Screenings were open to Athletes, Young Athletes, Motor Activity Training Program (MATP) athletes, Unified Partners and local nonathletes. For the first time, Special Olympics Strong Minds was introduced to Young Athletes and MATP athletes.

- FUNFitness
- Health Promotion
- Healthy Hearing
- Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes
- Special Smiles
- Strong Minds

The screenings were led by 5 Regional Clinical Advisors and Clinical Directors from MENA and Africa Regions, in addition to 9 local clinical directors who helped with running the screenings on daily basis and training local volunteers.

1,845

screenings

6

health disciplines

300

volunteers




“Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me brave in the attempt.”

Special Olympics
Athlete Oath



Photo: Daisy Nguni of Special Olympics Zambia competes in long jump at the 2020 Pan African Games in Cairo, Egypt.

INCLUSIVE HEALTH



COVID-19 Vaccination


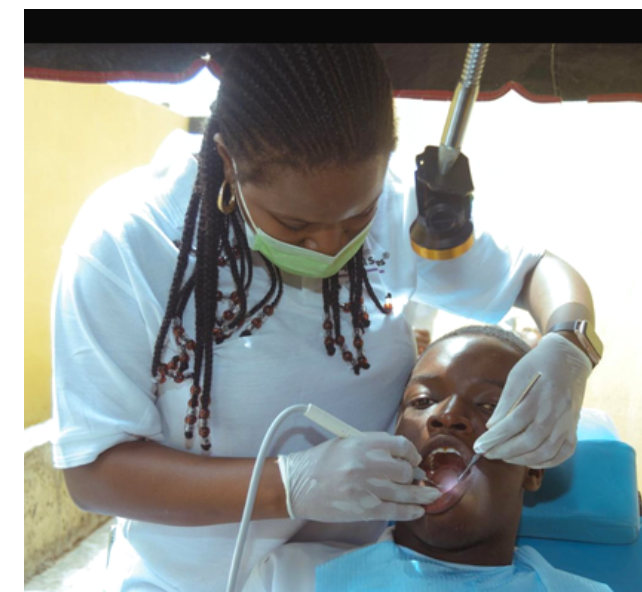
What you need to know

Join Special Olympics Africa Region in discussion with Dr. Qasim Bhorat, General Practitioner and Clinical Trials Research Specialist based in Soweto, South Africa.

Friday 3 Sept 11 AM to 1 PM (CAT)

<https://specialolympics.zoom.us/j/94298462862>
Zoom Webinar ID 942 9846 2862

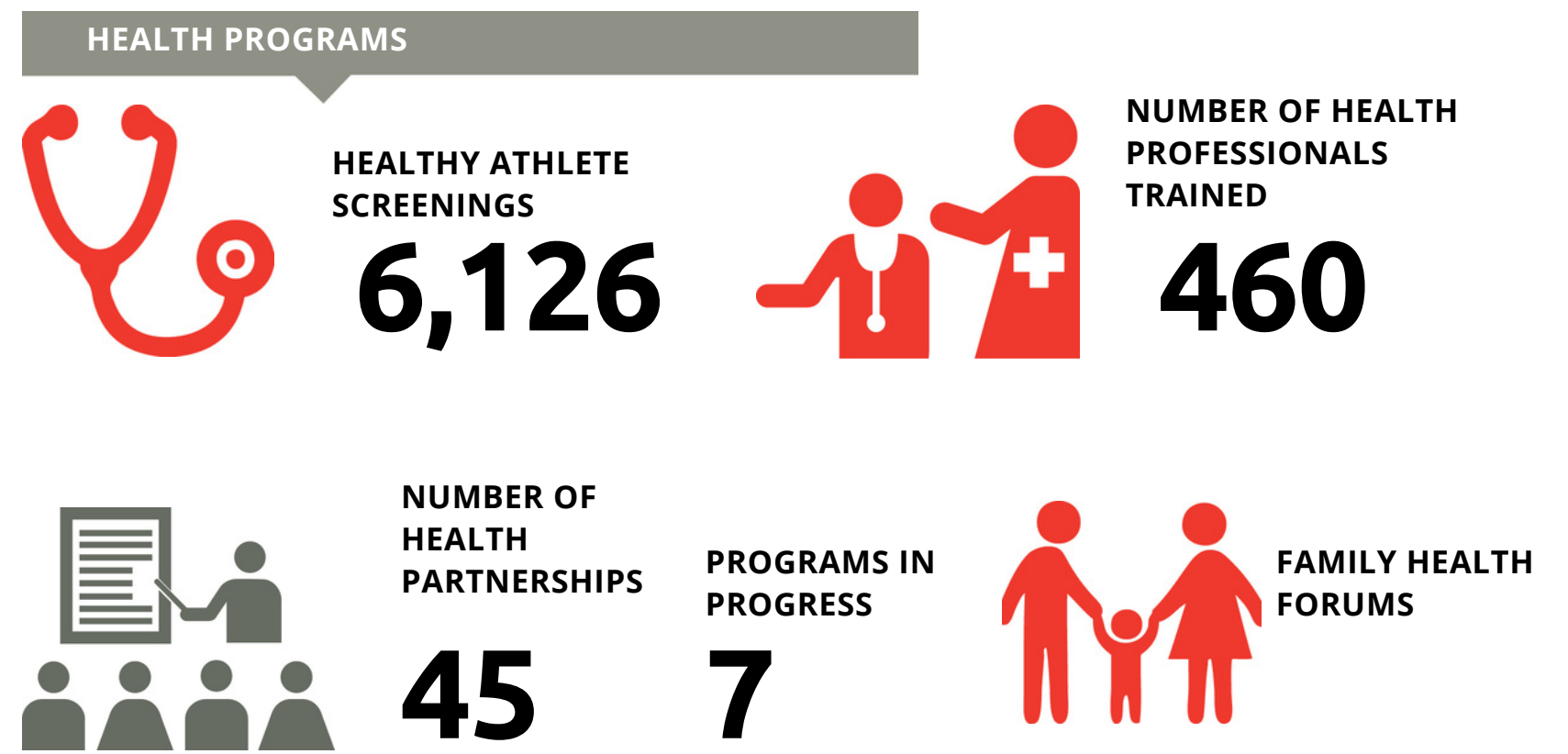
For questions, please contact us at africa@specialolympics.org

Why Inclusive Health Matters Now More Than Ever

The most important risk for people with ID is not their underlying health conditions, but their lack of access to healthcare. In addition, more than 80% of healthcare providers are not trained to treat people with intellectual disabilities. Despite severe need and higher health risks, people with intellectual disabilities lack equitable access to health services and die, on average, 16 years earlier than the general population.

TOM GOLISANO GIFTS \$30 MILLION TO EXPAND CRITICAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH ID WORLDWIDE



FIT 5 CARDS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Fit 5 Cards Promote Health for Athletes with Limited Access to Online Connectivity in the Africa Region

During a time social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Special Olympics has made a variety of online resources, such as virtual games, workouts and leadership opportunities, available to keep athletes healthy and engaged until in-person activities resume.

For those athletes in Africa who do not have access to online resources, Special Olympics Africa translated the Fit 5 program onto printed cards that can be used by athletes and coaches alike. The Fit 5 Cards can be utilized by anyone wishing to stay safe and protect their health while remaining at home and practising safe physical distancing.



A variety of partners have come on board to help distribute the printed cards including them in packages of food assistance, protective masks and sanitizers delivered to athletes in at-risk areas during national lockdowns. The fitness content has also been shared and broadcasted over radio and television. These include:

- UNICEF in Kenya
- UNFPA in Botswana
- UNHCR in Niger
- Speak Up Africa in Senegal

Health Messenger: Meet Herith

Herith Suleiman deeply understands the needs of people with intellectual disabilities. Why? Because Herith himself has intellectual disabilities.

During COVID-19, Herith found ways to encourage his fellow Tanzania athletes to stay fit and healthy, along with coaches, family members, and volunteers. He took the time to visit schools and community centers to help with health education and lead fitness exercises. He also made sure to keep Special Olympics Fit 5 as the guide for everyone to achieve fitness and personal bests through physical activities, plus proper nutrition and hydration. As an athlete leader, Herith also does health work with coaches, families, Unified teammates, and volunteers at home, at school and community.



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT CHANGES THE GAME

The impact of global youth work is playing an increasingly vital role in the work of Special Olympics, and Africa Region is leading the way.

Key achievements from Africa Region, as published in the Special Olympics Global Youth Engagement 2020 and 2021 Impact Report, have been across the several focus areas of Unified Schools, inclusive Youth Leadership development and Special Olympics Young Athletes.

All around Africa Region, Special Olympics work revolves around the cultivation of youth leadership, because each youth advocate and leader is a step towards the **Inclusion Revolution!** Ongoing opportunities are available for youth to learn about leadership and how to engage with their peers, both with and without intellectual disabilities.



300

Youth Leaders in 2019

AFRICA REGIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMITS AND SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROGRAM LOCAL YOUTH SUMMITS GO VIRTUAL

The **Lead to Include** project has been bringing a new opportunity for Youth Leaders from around the world to convene in their own countries and regions to learn and grow from each other. Youth Leaders all over Africa Region develop plans to implement an inclusive vision of Special Olympics in their home communities.

Despite the pandemic, over 30 local and regional Youth Leadership summits took place on virtual platforms!

Le programme Youth Innovation présente

LEAD TO INCLUDE
Sommet Local de la Jeunesse | Local Youth Summit
FAIRE DE L'INCLUSION UN REALITE!

SOMMET LOCAL DE LA JEUNESSE

Thème :
Engagement social des jeunes pour l'inclusion et l'autonomisation des personnes ayant une déficience intellectuelle

A photograph showing a group of young people, mostly wearing green t-shirts, participating in an outdoor activity. Some are sitting in the foreground, while others are standing and holding hands in a line in the background.

Ensemble pour une jeunesse inclusive

The logo for Special Olympics Senegal, featuring a stylized figure with arms raised, surrounded by a circular arrangement of smaller figures, with the text "Special Olympics Senegal" below it.

TRANSFORMING EDUCATION SYSTEMS

Major Donor

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ΙΔΡΥΜΑ ΣΤΑΥΡΟΣ ΝΙΑΡΧΟΣ
STAVROS NIARCHOS FOUNDATION

Special Olympics



Through generous support from funding partners such as the **Stavros Niarchos Foundation**, Special Olympics is able to deliver Unified Sports and other inclusive leadership development opportunities to more youth worldwide. Starting with and landmark collaboration in 2018, we have partnered to amplify the global impact of Special Olympics programmatic work in Unified Sports and Unified Schools in Kenya, Senegal and Tanzania.

This project aims to support social inclusion around the world by forging stronger youth engagement worldwide and transforming educational systems through Unified Sports.



SCHOOLS



2,311

Unified Schools in Africa
Region in 2021



NUMBER OF SCHOOLS
ENGAGED IN Special Olympics

5,225

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS
ENGAGED IN UNIFIED SPORTS

1,395



UNIFIED LEADERSHIP

Building from sport, Unified Leadership teaches leaders without disabilities to value and learn from people with intellectual disabilities

to make changes and create environments where people with intellectual disabilities get opportunities to have meaningful jobs and roles.

Many Special Olympics athlete leaders are successful media influencers, teammates, coaches and community activists. This becomes possible when people around them welcome, value and support their determination, effort and skills. Unfortunately, many people with intellectual disabilities are unable to achieve their leadership potential because of the attitudes, behaviors and low expectations of people without disabilities.

The Unified Leadership approach helps people without disabilities to turn from unconscious bias to conscious inclusion, changing their attitudes and behaviors to create meaningful inclusion in their teams, organizations, families and communities.



ATHLETE LEADERS
815

The ultimate goal of all our work is to rid the world of discrimination against people with intellectual disabilities and by doing so, to open the hearts of every human being to the beauty and dignity of each of us.

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Chair, Special Olympics



Join us for: A Town Hall Meeting to celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities!

THEME:

BUILDING BACK BETTER: TOWARD A DISABILITY INCLUSIVE, ACCESSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE POST COVID-19 WORLD.

MEET YOUR GUEST SPEAKERS FOR SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES



CHARLES NYAMBE
Regional President and
Managing Director, Special
Olympics Africa



NYASHA DERERA
Chair, Global Athlete Congress
and Special Olympics
International Board Member

DATE: 3RD DEC. 2020 **VENUE:** ZOOM

TIME: 4PM WEST AFRICA TIME | 9AM CENTRAL STANDARD TIME

PROGRAMME ORGANIZERS & KEY PARTNERS:



BUILDING INCLUSIVE LEADERS

Special Olympics Africa Region aims to provide our Programs with a comprehensive, well-organized system of support to ensure success.

One of the ways this is done is by providing Program leaders with training. In addition to promoting consistency in delivery that is inline with our mission and values, our training agenda also shares best practices on subjects like governance, marketing and fundraising.

EXTENSIVE DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT: AFRICA REGION TRAINING CURRICULUM GOES VIRTUAL

Some of the myriad other training provided throughout 2020 and 2021 included:

- BOARD OF DIRECTOR TRAININGS
- COACH TRAININGS
- UNIFIED LEADERSHIP
- MARKETING & COMMUNICATION WORKSHOPS



Pictured above: Charles Nyambe receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award at the ceremony of the 2021 Namibia Annual Sports Awards, the highest award of an individual for contributing to sport development in the country.

HOW TO CRAFT AN EFFECTIVE MESSAGE

Africa Region
Marketing &
Communications Training



THE REVOLUTION IS INCLUSION



BUILDING INCLUSIVE LEADERS

A First-Ever: The Africa Leadership Conference goes Virtual

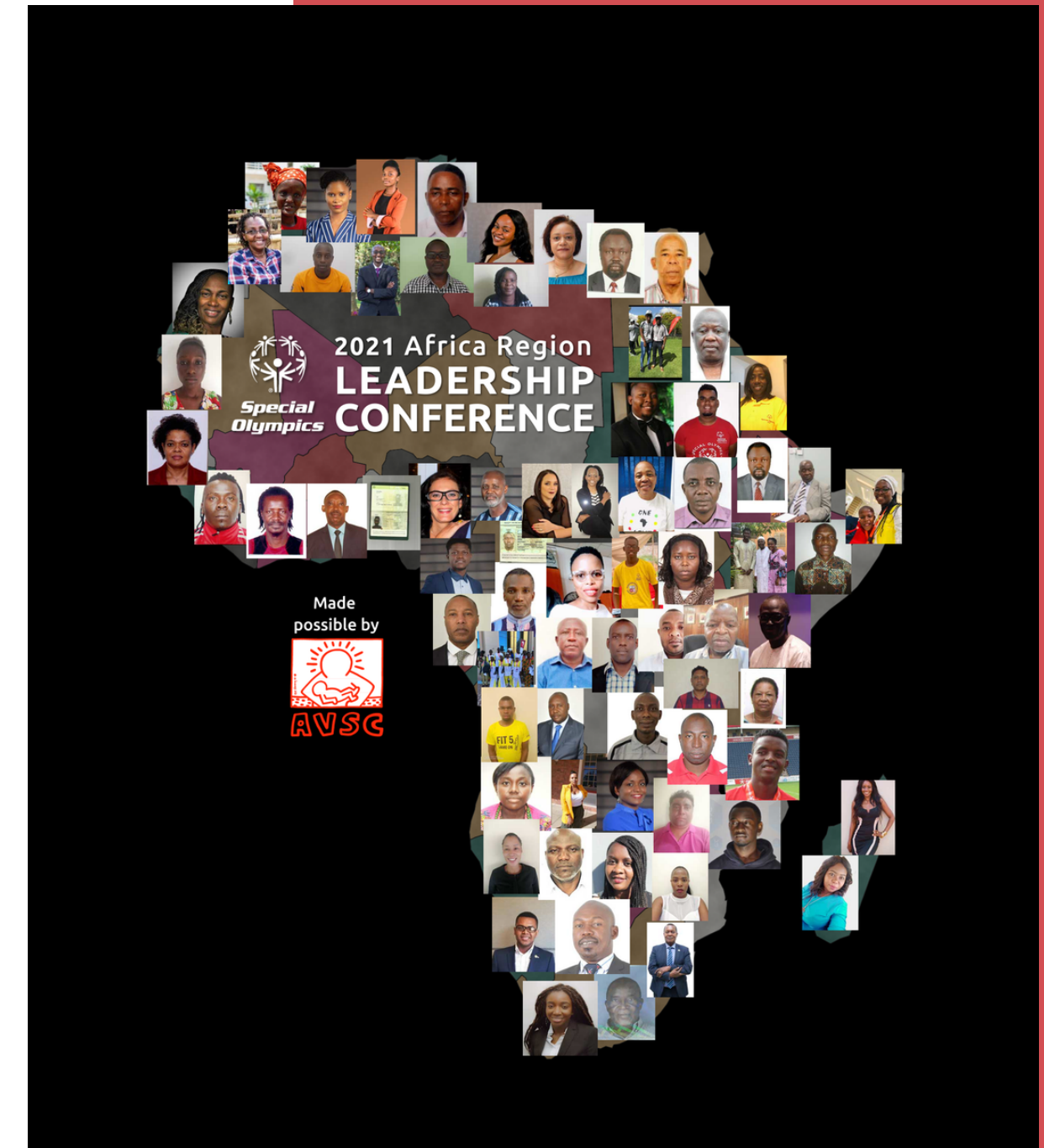
The largest and most extensive training held by the Africa Region in the course of each year, this is where Program leaders meet to advance their knowledge and action plans on the strategic direction and initiatives of the coming year.

Delegates also receive instruction and training from Special Olympics staff and guest experts on subjects designed to help them further the Special Olympics mission in their respective countries.

BUILDING RESILIENT INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

Themed "Building Resilient Inclusive Communities", the 2021 Africa Leadership Conference was the first Special Olympics regional leadership conference to be offered entirely online, in both English and French.

The conference saw 88 delegates joining from all over Africa for interactive sessions on 19 - 21 April, 2021. The virtual Opening Ceremony was written, directed and starred members of the Regional Athlete Input Council. They also led our breaks with fun and easy online polls, guided meditation and energizers. Session recordings in both languages were shared on Facebook and YouTube.



MADE POSSIBLE BY THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF AVSC

OUR PROGRAMS

- SO Benin
- SO Botswana
- SO Burkina Faso
- SO Burundi
- SO Cameroon
- SO Cape Verde
- SO Congo
- SO Côte d'Ivoire
- SO Democratic Republic of the Congo
- SO Equatorial Guinea
- SO Eswatini
- SO Ethiopia
- SO Gambia
- SO Ghana
- SO Guinea
- SO Guinea Bissau
- SO Kenya
- SO Lesotho
- SO Liberia
- SO Madagascar
- SO Malawi
- SO Mali
- SO Mauritius
- SO Mozambique
- SO Namibia
- SO Nigeria
- SO Rwanda
- SO Senegal

- SO Seychelles
- SO Somalia*
- SO South Africa
- SO South Sudan
- SO Tanzania
- SO Togo
- SO Uganda
- SO Zambia
- SO Zimbabwe

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Programs in Africa
Region



SPECIAL OLYMPICS BENIN

Founded in 1992, officially registered in 1998



Languages: French and Fon



Unified Sports Partners: 245



Coaches: 579

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



3,022

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



183



SPECIAL OLYMPICS BOTSWANA

Founded in 1988



Languages: Setswana and English



Unified Sports Partners: 460



Coaches: 875

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



6,383

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



0



what is FIT 5

want to perform their best at every competition
do this by being fit.
an for physical activity, nutrition, and hydration
rove you health and fitness to make you the
te you can be

DOWN TO FIT 5 ACTIVATION

ember 2021

ember 2021

November 2021

ember 2021

all this
activation
are lead by
special Olympics
Botswana



SPECIAL OLYMPICS BURKINA FASO

Founded in 1991



Languages: French and local languages such as Mooré, Fulfuldé and Dioula



Unified Sports Partners: 103



Coaches: 668



NUMBER OF ATHLETES



5,332

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



37

SPECIAL OLYMPICS BURUNDI

Founded in 2018 with the support of the government of the United Arab Emirates.



Languages: English, French and Kirundi



Unified Sports Partners: 10



Coaches: 54

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



111

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



2



SPECIAL OLYMPICS CAMEROON

Welcome to Africa Region's newest Program!



Languages: French and English



SPECIAL OLYMPICS CAPE VERDE

Founded in 2018 with the support of the government of the United Arab Emirates.



Languages: Portuguese



Unified Sports Partners: 3



Coaches: 56

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



186

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



1



SPECIAL OLYMPICS CONGO

Founded in 2018 with the support of the government of the United Arab Emirates.



Languages: French, Kituba and Lingala



Unified Sports Partners: 30



Coaches: 16

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



123

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



1



SPECIAL OLYMPICS COTE D'IVOIRE

Founded in 1991, and accredited in 1992



Languages: French



Unified Sports Partners: 1,200



Coaches: 721

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



5,018

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



2



SPECIAL OLYMPICS DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Founded in 2017



Languages: French and Lingala



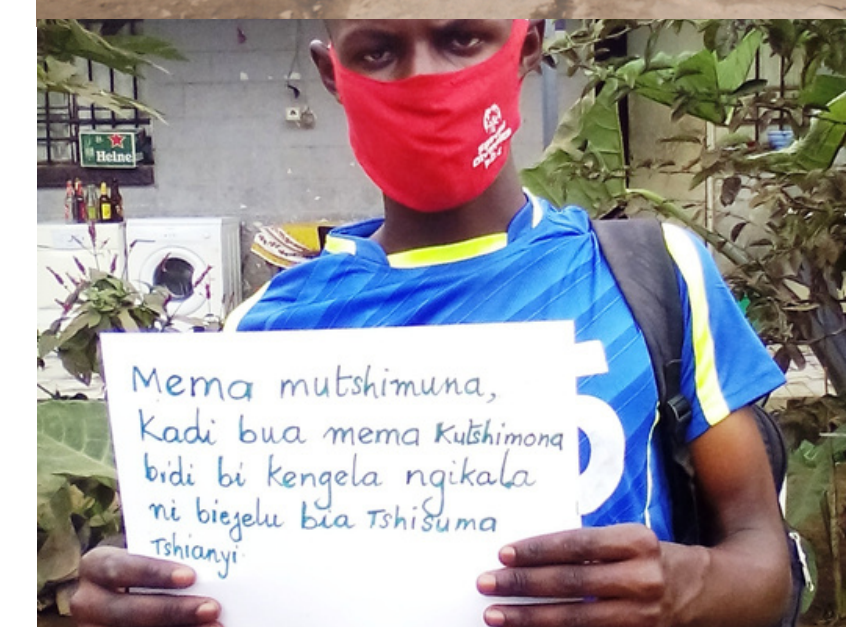
Unified Sports Partners: 145



Coaches: 130



Democratic
Republic of
the Congo



NUMBER OF ATHLETES



1,019

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



23

SPECIAL OLYMPICS EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Founded in 2018 with the support of the government of the United Arab Emirates.



Languages: French, Kituba and Lingala



Unified Sports Partners: 0



Coaches: 59

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



48

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



0



SPECIAL OLYMPICS ESWATINI

Founded in 1999, accredited in 2001



Languages: Siswati and English



Unified Sports Partners: 1,640



Coaches: 227

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



11,822

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



234



SPECIAL OLYMPICS ETHIOPIA

Founded in 2018 with the support of the government of the United Arab Emirates.



Languages: Amharic and English



Unified Sports Partners: 0



Coaches: 70

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



360

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



10



SPECIAL OLYMPICS GAMBIA

Founded in 1990's, accredited in 2017



Languages: English



Unified Sports Partners: 0



Coaches: 103

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



317

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



3



SPECIAL OLYMPICS GHANA

Founded in 1978, restructured in 2017



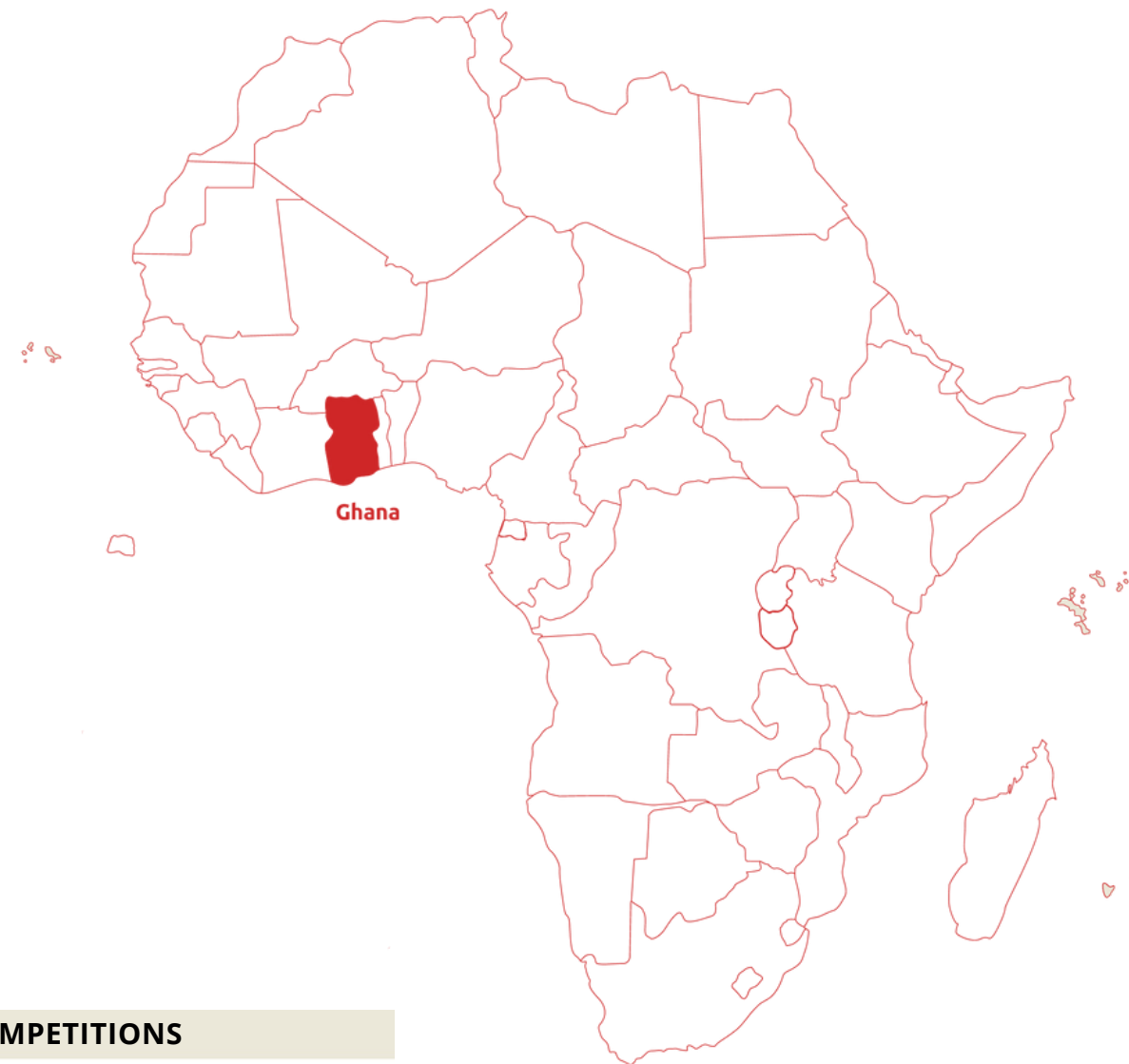
Languages: English and Twi (Akan), Ewe, Ga and Dagbani



Unified Sports Partners: 3,796



Coaches: 942



NUMBER OF ATHLETES



13,242

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



20

SPECIAL OLYMPICS GUINEA

Founded in 2018 with the support of the government of the United Arab Emirates.



Languages: French



Unified Sports Partners: 94



Coaches: 24



NUMBER OF ATHLETES



250

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



2

SPECIAL OLYMPICS GUINEA BISSAU

Founded in 2018 with the support of the government of the United Arab Emirates.



Languages: Portuguese



Unified Sports Partners: 167



Coaches: 50

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



343

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



0



SPECIAL OLYMPICS KENYA

Founded in 1978, the first Program in Africa Region



Languages: English and Swahili



Unified Sports Partners: 11,003



Coaches: 5,917

NUMBER OF ATHLETES

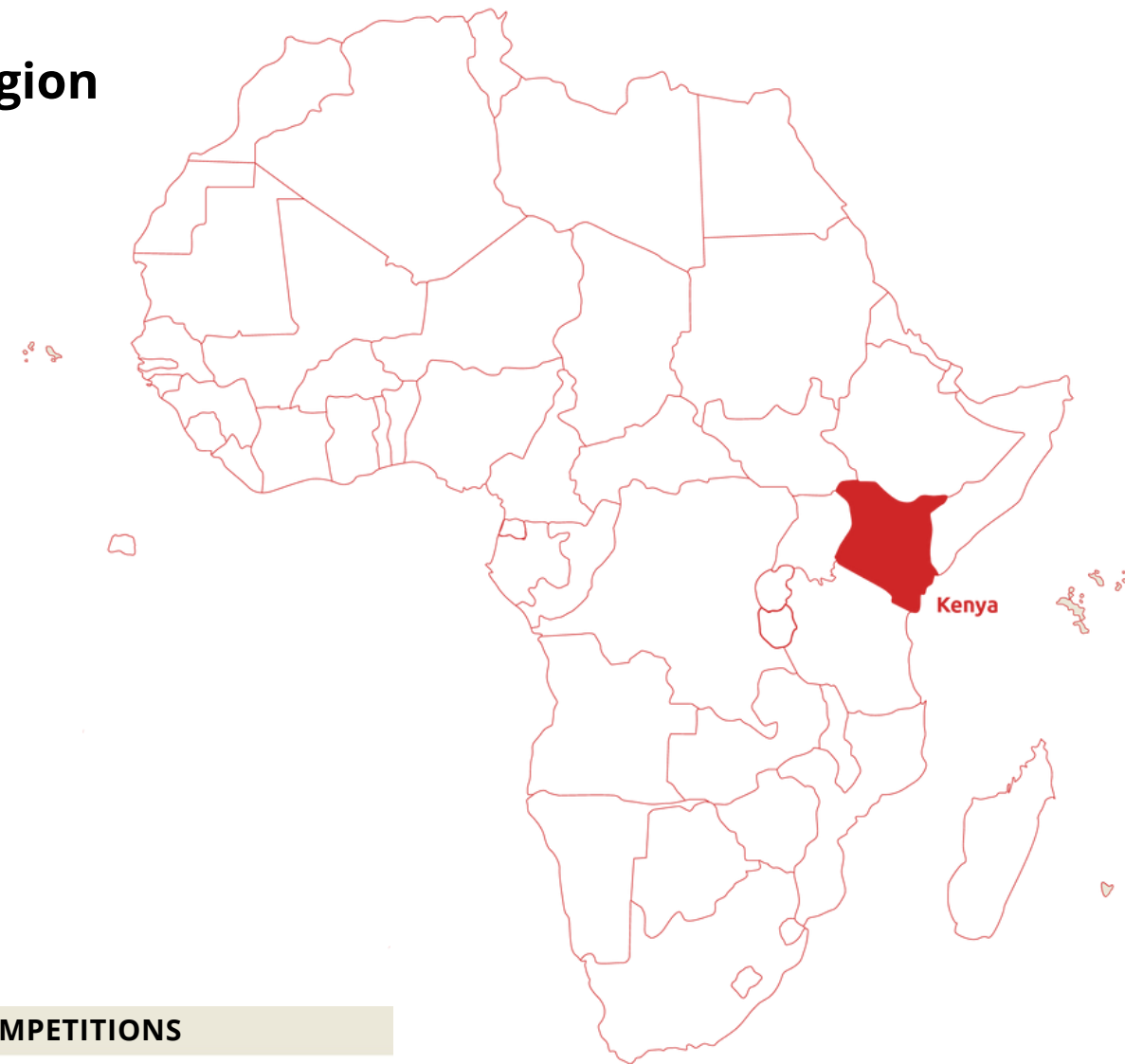


68,271

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



135



SPECIAL OLYMPICS LESOTHO

Founded in 2018 with the support of the government of the United Arab Emirates.



Languages: English and Sesotho



Unified Sports Partners: 0



Coaches: 36

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



264

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



0



SPECIAL OLYMPICS LIBERIA

Founded in 2018 with the support of the government of the United Arab Emirates.



Languages: English



Unified Sports Partners: 5



Coaches: 55



NUMBER OF ATHLETES



85

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



11

SPECIAL OLYMPICS MADAGASCAR

Founded in 2018 with the support of the government of the United Arab Emirates.



Languages: Malagasy and French



Unified Sports Partners: 0



Coaches: 18

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



258

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



1



SPECIAL OLYMPICS MALAWI

Founded in 1998



Languages: English and Chichewa



Unified Sports Partners: 1,126



Coaches: 1,210

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



3,629

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



1,912



SPECIAL OLYMPICS MALI

Founded in 1993



Languages: French and Bambara



Unified Sports Partners: 117



Coaches: 195

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



3,469

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



5



SPECIAL OLYMPICS MAURITIUS

Founded in 1997



Languages: English, Creole and French



Unified Sports Partners: 662



Coaches: 606

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



4,449

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



17



SPECIAL OLYMPICS MOZAMBIQUE

Founded in 2018 with the support of the government of the United Arab Emirates.



Languages: Portuguese



Unified Sports Partners: 0



Coaches: 5

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



46

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



0



SPECIAL OLYMPICS NAMIBIA

Founded in 1998, at the FIFA Football for Hope Centre in Katutura, Windhoek



Languages: English, Creole and French



Unified Sports Partners: 1,066



Coaches: 212

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



1,407

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



856



Namibia



presents

NATIONAL GAMES

Football
Basketball
Cycling



Date: 15 October 2021
Venue: Katutura Football for Hope
Time: 09h00



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SPECIAL OLYMPICS NIGERIA

Founded in 2001, fully operational from 2005



Languages: English, Ibo, Hausa, Yoruba and other local languages



Unified Sports Partners: 7,009



Coaches: 1,684

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



27,758

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



317



SPECIAL OLYMPICS RWANDA

Founded in 2002



Languages: English, French and Kinyarwanda



Unified Sports Partners: 1,082



Coaches: 1,867

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



19,090

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



1,126



SPECIAL OLYMPICS SENEGAL

Founded in 1990's, restructured in 2009



Languages: French and Wolof



Unified Sports Partners: 442



Coaches: 718

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



2,049

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



0



SPECIAL OLYMPICS SEYCHELLES

Founded in 1986



Languages: Creole, French and English



Unified Sports Partners: 25



Coaches: 96



NUMBER OF ATHLETES



334

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



0

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOMALIA

Founded in 2019



Languages: Somali and Arabic



Unified Sports Partners: 40



Coaches: 29



NUMBER OF ATHLETES



70

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



13

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTH AFRICA

Founded in 1991



Languages: English, isiZulu, seSotho and Afrikaans



Unified Sports Partners: 3,450



Coaches: 5,593

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



53,626

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



27



South Africa



SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOUTH SUDAN

Founded in 2018 with the support of the government of the United Arab Emirates.



Languages: English



Unified Sports Partners: 0



Coaches: 6



NUMBER OF ATHLETES



23

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



2

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TANZANIA

Founded in 1987



Languages: English



Unified Sports Partners: 220



Coaches: 137



NUMBER OF ATHLETES



452

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



240

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TOGO

Founded in 1987



Languages: English



Unified Sports Partners: 1,500



Coaches: 1,118

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



6,289

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



10



SPECIAL OLYMPICS UGANDA

Founded in 1992



Languages: English



Unified Sports Partners: 4,601



Coaches: 1,568

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



14,187

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



138



SPECIAL OLYMPICS ZAMBIA

Founded in 1999



Languages: English



Unified Sports Partners: 96



Coaches: 163

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



728

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



15



SPECIAL OLYMPICS ZIMBABWE

Founded in 1978



Languages: English, Shona and Ndebele



Unified Sports Partners: 50



Coaches: 185

NUMBER OF ATHLETES



4,189


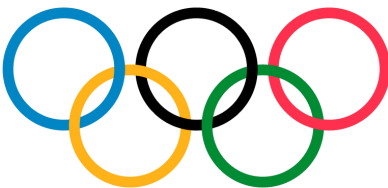

NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS



50



THE DIFFERENCE

What's the difference?	SPECIAL OLYMPICS	OLYMPICS	PARALYMPICS
Logo			
Year Founded	1968	1894	1989
Athletes Served	All athletes with Intellectual Disabilities	Elite athletes	Elite athletes in 10 categories of Disability
Competition per year	108,000+ competitions/year; World Games every other year	Olympic Games every other year; Youth Olympics every other year	Year-round competitions; Paralympic Games every other year
Sports offered	32+	35+	29+
Founder	Eunice Kennedy Shriver	Piere de Coubertin	Dr Ludwig Guttmann
Members	223 Special Olympics Programs in 172 countries	206 National Olympic Committees	176 National Paralympic Committees
Headquarters	Washington, D.C, USA	Lausanne, Switzerland	Bonn, Germany
Next World Games	Special Olympics World Games Berlin 2023, 17 - 25 June	Olympic Summer Games Paris 2024, 26 July - 11 August	Paralympic Games Paris 2024, 28 August - 8 September

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East Africa sub-region
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Athlete Representative appointed by the AIC
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Athlete Leader, Special Olympics Botswana



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