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MTC EDUCATE A GIRL INC **AND** REGENT SOCCER CLUB



PRESENT

SOCCER FOR CHANGE 2022

U11/12: 4V4
U13/14: 5V5
ADULTS: 7V7
25 MINUTE GAMES
ALL TEAMS GUARANTEED 4 GAMES!
SPACE IS LIMITED, REGISTER NOW!

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF SOCCER,
GAMES, FOOD, AND FUN!
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT
EDUCATIONAL AND SPORTS
OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS IN
RURAL ZIMBABWE.

AUGUST 6TH • REDDAN SOCCER PARK • 12-8PM

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Concept Note

Introduction

As an organization founded and led by a young woman, MTC Educate A Girl Inc recognizes the unique challenges faced by girls, especially those who are living in rural Africa. With specific reference to Manicaland and Mhondoro-Ngezi, many girls remain victims of oppressive social doctrines which often result in child marriages, inter-generational poverty, neglect, exposure to GBV, disease, and cycles of misery. MTC Educate A Girl Inc, and Regent Soccer Club stand alongside all progressive partners pushing for a safer world for all girls. A safer world is one in which all girls have access to education, opportunities for careers as well as equal participation in all activities, including sport. Through the Soccer for Change Soccer Tournament 2022 at Reddan Park, Verona, to fundraise and support girls education, fight child marriages, promote girls sports and entrepreneurship, is our way of living this truth. As our founder, Maka Chikowero says, “The future is young, the future is bright, and the future is female.”

One of the main pillars of advocacy for MTC is ending child marriage as it is a human rights violation that affects not only the Chimanimani community but the world at large. The UN Global Sustainable Development Goal Five Target 5.3 is to eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage, and female genital mutilation. Today, around 33,000 girls are married off every day around the world. The theme of the MTC soccer tournament is Soccer For Change. Deeply entrenched patriarchal systems and cultures that have been passed on for generations have made gender-based discrimination and oppression threateningly common in many households, particularly in developing countries. Child marriage is only one of the symptoms of this. As part of the Soccer For Change Tournament 2022, MTC and partners hope to raise awareness on the issue affecting girls in rural Africa through sport and share on the successes MTC has made in fighting child marriages and keeping girls in school. We are also celebrating the joys of sport participation across different age groups.

Justification

Experts agree that sports involvement can potentially offer a wide range of life benefits for girls and women. Sports involvement undoubtedly plays a significant role in promoting the physical and mental well-being of girls and women, fostering opportunities for their leadership and achievement, initiating social inclusion and social integration of girls and women, and challenging gender norms. The involvement of girls and women in sports programs can have a significant potential contribution to development agendas, particularly in the achievement of the fifth goal of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. The participation of women and girls in sport challenges gender-based stereotypes and discrimination, and can therefore be a vehicle to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and



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girls. In particular, women in sport leadership can shape attitudes towards women's capabilities as leaders and decision-makers, especially in traditionally male domains. Women's involvement in sport can make a significant contribution to public life and community development.

Moreover, many sports programs have taken measures to bring together communities and realize development objectives relating to sexual and reproductive health, access to employment, and peace and reconciliation. For example, these sport and physical activity programs currently run reproductive health education programs, which engage team players and coaches as peer educators who visit local girls' schools and communities and teach students and community members about issues such as safe sex, HIV/AIDS, and pregnancy, rights and child marriages.

Aims & Objectives

- To foster community engagement and building partnership with schools, community, business, and private sector, and individuals around shared objectives of girls' empowerment using sport in the United States
- To amplify the message of ending child marriages while leveling the playing field in girls' sports participation globally therefore empowering girls & eliminating and ending child marriages in the world
- To resource MTC and the girls so they can effectively engage local leadership as well as religious leaders from different parts of Zimbabwe they work with the girls in active sport for girls, education and sports
- Resource MTC programs that build girls' self-esteem, leadership, teamwork, and life skills for girls living in rural communities of Zimbabwe.

THE TEAMS

- U11/12: 4V4
- U13/14: 5V5
- Adults : 7v7
 - Recommended roster sizes are:
 - Teams must have the minimum required number of players to play (4,5, and 7 respectively)
 - Rosters may be co-ed and we will find the best place for your team to play!
 - All players must be within the appropriate age group based on the 2022-2023 season
 - u11/u12 - 2012 & 2011
 - u13/u14 - 2010 & 2009
 - Adult - 2005 and up
 - Exceptions may be made if your team would like to play with friends who



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- attend the same grade but are not born in the same year. Please contact the tournament staff for approval.
- Rosters are finalized after check-in

Approach & Event Structure

The tournament is a commitment to achieving strategic outcomes as well as a celebration of the diversity of culture, sport, and girls. It, therefore, has a balance of sessions that allow everyone to interact and hear each other, as well as events and spaces that enable sharing on a more cultural level.

Soccer competition: This is the frontrunner of the whole event. It is the crowd-pulling tool that we are using for social change. The teams will compete to find the winner. This will happen during the day on August 6th 2022

- Recommended roster sizes are:
 - 4v4: 6-8 players
 - 5v5: 7-10 players
 - 7v7: 9-12 players
 - Teams must have the minimum required number of players to play (4,5, and 7 respectively)
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- More info on game rules and roster [Here](#)

Tournament trophies & prices

This is a provisional indication of prizes: Prizes will be awarded on an individual basis for the winners of each bracket



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Partnerships and Collaboration

- **MTC Foundation:** is the host organization and lead planning partner. They will handle on-ground on-ground logistics. MTC Foundation empowers girls and young women living in rural areas of Zimbabwe through education and sport participation.
- **Regent Soccer Club:** Regent Soccer Club, Inc. is a non-profit 501c3 youth soccer organization based in the near west side of Madison. Their goal is to allow players to develop a love for the game by promoting an inclusive, safe, fun, affordable, player-centered environment.
- Business and private sector organizations will be approached for cash and kind donations in support of this initiative, which could include branding and sponsorship of the event. A package will be developed and shared.
- Media are an integral and key partner of our project, as they amplify the messages, profile the the work.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES AND IMPACTS

This project is expected to have a high impact and create engagement with the soccer loving community of Madison, WI and surrounding areas.

The following are the expected key outcomes:

- Participation of the local community
- Funds raised for girls to stay in school
- Awareness outreach on issues facing girls from rural Zimbabwe.
- To bring front and center adolescent girls' rights including SRHR.
- Spread the message of ending child marriages in Chimanimani and beyond.
- The decline of school dropouts due to early/child marriages in Chimanimani Rural District as well as eliminating cases of teen pregnancies.

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