



2008 GLOBAL PEACE GAMES

For

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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Certificate of Participation

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CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION



This Certificate of Participation from the 2008 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth testifies to the power of friendship and personal commitment from participants around the world and to their solidarity in support of a culture of peace and nonviolence and the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

At the 2008 Games, participants signed the UNESCO Manifesto for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence, pledging their commitment to:

- ~ RESPECT ALL LIFE ~
- ~ LISTEN TO UNDERSTAND ~
- ~ REJECT VIOLENCE ~
- ~ PRESERVE THE PLANET ~
- ~ SHARE WITH OTHERS ~
- ~ REDISCOVER SOLIDARITY ~



The yearly tradition of the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth demonstrates the capacity of sport to develop collaboration within civil society, and to build cooperation and solidarity among children and youth around the world as they play together to create a better and more peaceful world.

The 2008 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth took place in many communities, camps, schools and clubs in the following 49 countries:

Algeria, Benin, Bosnia, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic Congo, Dominican Republic, Dubai, Ethiopia, France, Ghana, Herzegovina, Ireland, India, Israel, Jordan, Kenya, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Liberia, Macedonia, Mali, Malawi, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Palestine, Rwanda, Russia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, USA, Venezuela, Zambia.

PLAY SOCCER expresses appreciation at the international level to Mr. Wilfried Lemke, Special Advisor to the Secretary General of the United Nations on Sport for Development and Peace; to Mr. Joseph S. Blatter, the President of FIFA; to SOS Children's Villages and Right to Play who helped provide leadership for the Games, and at the local level to the many organizations, schools and individuals who worked in their communities to make the 2008 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth a success.

Mr. Lemke's Message



SPECIAL ADVISER
TO THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL
ON SPORT FOR
DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE



Message by Mr. Wilfried Lemke
Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General
on Sport for Development and Peace

to the participants of the
Global Peace Games 2008
for Children and Youth



Dear Children and Youth,

Welcome to the Global Peace Games 2008. The United Nations welcomes the opportunity to support the Global Peace Games. A priority for all of us is a peaceful world. Sport is one of the most effective and powerful tools to promote peace, tolerance and understanding by bringing people together across boundaries, cultures and religions.

By participating in the Global Peace Games 2008 you are contributing to the efforts of the United Nations to create world peace. You are showing to the world that you are willing to contribute to break down barriers and to learn about peace, tolerance, and respect for opponents, regardless of ethnic, cultural, religious or other differences.

The Global Peace Games are also important for each of you personally. You will learn the importance of values such as honesty, discipline, fair play, respect for oneself and others, and adherence to the rules. You will learn that even if you win or lose, you must be humble and show respect to your team mates and your competitors. Playing as a team will set the basis for a friendship, a friendship which goes beyond these Global Peace Games, a friendship created through sport. The convening power of sport brought you together, in countries all over the world, regardless of your ability, gender, race, political or religious beliefs.

Throughout the world during the Games, the flame of sport, happiness and friendship is burning. In that spirit, I wish that you all enjoy the Global Peace Games 2008 and I join with you in the "global handshake of friendship".

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wilfried Lemke".

Wilfried Lemke

Under-Secretary-General
Special Adviser to the Secretary-General
on Sport for Development and Peace

Mr. Blatter's Message

LE PRESIDENT



Message for the 2008 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth

It gives me great pleasure to send this message around the world to all of you who are participating in the 2008 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth. I wish you a successful, joyous and fun event wherever you are.

When you are playing our great game of football/soccer, you are also learning what we call life skills – winning and losing, showing respect for others, practicing fair play, tolerance and understanding, learning teamwork and how to make your bodies healthy and strong. These skills are an important part of our game and necessary for you to learn to become a really great player. They are skills to learn and practice on the field as well as in your daily life with your friends, family and communities.

The Global Peace Games are an opportunity for each of you to think about what you are learning, how you treat one another and what you can do to make a better team – and beyond today's game, what you can do to make the world a better place. Boys and girls – children and youth – playing together in friendship throughout the world are a powerful force for this purpose and for our future.

FIFA believes that with your help football can spread the message of tolerance, combat discrimination and promote good health. Your participation in the Global Peace Games is a positive action to make this happen. I thank you for your help and solidarity and, in the spirit of the games, I extend the handshake of friendship and fair play to each of you.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful competition. For the Game. For the World.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blatter".

Joseph S. Blatter

Mr. Bloomberg's Message

Office of the Mayor
CITY OF NEW YORK



Proclamation

WHEREAS: EACH YEAR, THE GLOBAL PEACE GAMES—IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE—USE THE POWER OF SPORT TO PROMOTE GLOBAL FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING. THIS WONDERFUL YOUTH EVENT TAKES PLACE IN CITIES AROUND THE GLOBE, BRINGING CITIZENS OF DOZENS FROM COUNTRIES TOGETHER TO PROMOTE THE POSSIBILITY OF A MORE PEACEFUL AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.

WHEREAS: THE GLOBAL PEACE GAMES FEATURE FRIENDLY SOCCER MATCHES AND OTHER SPORTING EVENTS ALONG WITH EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS, MUSIC, ART, DANCE, POETRY AND MORE, ALL DEDICATED TO THE THEMES OF PEACE, NONVIOLENCE, AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT. PARTICIPATION IS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO TAKE PART. THE GAMES SEEK TO PROMOTE LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE, REINFORCING THE IDEA THAT WHEN ORDINARY PEOPLE COME TOGETHER WITH A COMMON GOAL, THEY CAN HELP CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE.

WHEREAS: SPORTS ARE A GREAT WAY TO LEARN TEAMWORK, GET FIT, AND HAVE FUN—BUT THEY CAN ALSO HELP US REACH EVEN LOFTIER GOALS. SPORTS HELP US LEARN THE IMPORTANT VALUES OF TEAMWORK, PERSEVERANCE, COOPERATION, AND DEDICATION. THE GLOBAL PEACE GAMES ALSO HARNESS SPORT'S POTENTIAL AS A VEHICLE FOR CROSS-CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING. THROUGH THESE EFFORTS, THE GAMES HELP SET THE FOUNDATION FOR A FUTURE OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP FOR CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD.

WHEREAS: NEW YORK CITY IS PROUD TO ONCE AGAIN PARTICIPATE IN THIS WORLDWIDE EVENT. I THANK PLAYSOCCKER AND EVERYONE ASSOCIATED WITH TODAY'S EVENTS FOR DOING THEIR PART TO BUILD A MORE PEACEFUL GLOBAL SOCIETY, AND ENCOURAGE ALL NEW YORKERS TO PARTICIPATE AND HELP SUPPORT A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR ALL.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2008 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS:

"GLOBAL PEACE GAMES DAY"



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK TO BE AFFIXED.


MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG
MAYOR

Introduction

REPORT ON THE 2008 GLOBAL PEACE GAMES for CHILDREN AND YOUTH



The 2008 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth took place in 49 countries with thousands of participants in communities around the world celebrating the Games and the culture of peace and nonviolence. The common purpose of the Games is captured in the words of the UNESCO Manifesto for Peace created by Nobel Laureates. Each participant at the Games had the opportunity to sign the Manifesto that pledges them to respect all life, reject all violence, share with others, listen to understand, preserve the planet, and contribute to the development of community. The Games embraced the themes of the United Nations International Day of Peace, the United Nations Millennium Goals and the objectives of FIFA Fair Play. Special messages were read at all sites from Mr. Wilfried Lemke, the Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary General on Sport for Peace and Development and Mr. Joseph Blatter, the President of FIFA.

This version of the 2008 Report on the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth includes brief summaries of each country and participating organization. The web version of the Report (www.playsoccer-nonprofit.org) provides the full text submitted by the participating organizations, together with many additional photos. They tell a fun, joyous and educational story about the events and activities that took place in each country, and about the friendship and commitment of those children and youth to make the world a better place.

ABOUT THE REPORT AND CERTIFICATE: PLAY SOCCER prepares the Report and the Certificate. All photos contained in the report from participating organizations are the property of these organizations. At the international level, PLAY SOCCER provides the leadership to initiate and organize the Games in strong partnership with SOS Children's Villages, Right to Play and many other organizations. At the local level many organizations and individuals join this effort, and information about all participants is noted whenever possible and as received in the country write-ups for the Report.

Reports from the Countries

ALGERIA

“La paix s’apprend pour mieux vivre en paix.” Under this slogan, the **SOS Children’s Village of Draria** celebrated the Global Peace Games on November 6 and 7. The various activities included a film and discussion on delinquency, a martial arts demonstration, and a workshop on qualities of fair play in sports. The Manifesto, translated into Arabic and French, was read, and 2170 signatures were collected. To conclude the event, the village choir presented a song on the theme of peace, calling on adults to children to build a world without violence.



BENIN

SOS Children's Villages Benin organized the Global Peace Games for the third time. The official ceremony on September 27, attended by about 500 children, began with the prayer of SOS Children's Villages, speeches by SOS National Director Mr. Issifou and by other dignitaries, acrobatic demonstrations, and a handshake of peace. Prizes were awarded to winners of various competitions in football, handball, table tennis, petanque and drawing, which had been held the previous week. Following the reading of messages from Mr. Blatter and Mr. Lemke, four young girls released doves into the air, as a symbol of peace in the world.



BOSNIA



For the sixth time in a row, **SOS Children's Village Bosnia and Herzegovina** took part in the Global Peace Games. This year the Games were held at the playground of the School for Blind and Low Vision Children, which helped to organize the Games. After welcoming words from the partner organization, Mario, a 12-year-old boy, read the Manifesto for Peace and messages from Mr. Lemke and Mr. Blatter. A special guest and one of Bosnia's best sportsmen, Mr. Nedžad Fazlija, shared with children his experiences from the Olympics. The children grouped in teams for an exciting game of bowling; then about 90 participants signed the Manifesto.

BURKINA FASO

Otoze Foundation with **Otoze Entertainment** registered to hold games.

BURUNDI



SOS Children's Villages Burundi celebrated its fourth edition of World Peace Games at 4 different sites. Before the matches, Mr. Lemke's message was read, and participants exchanged a handshake of friendship. In Bujumbura, SOS organized a mini handball tournament, preceded by a peace march with nearly 2000 children and youth. At Gitega, a soccer match between public and private schools was held. At Muyinga, a demonstration march into the stadium was followed by matches in soccer (male teams) and basketball (female teams). The games at Rutana consisted of a drawing contest around the theme of Peace, and a soccer tournament. The Peace Manifesto was signed at all of the sites, and more than 2200 signatures were collected.

CAMBODIA

SOS Children's Villages registered to hold Global Peace Games.

CAMEROON

Play Soccer Cameroon celebrated the Global Peace Games for the third consecutive year. Celebrations took place in Alabukam, Guzang, and Mbalmayo communities. During the month before the Games, there were educational presentations on topics such as peace, nonviolence, HIV/AIDS, malaria, corruption, fair play, immunization, Environmental clean-ups etc. Activities at the Games included singing of the Cameroon National Anthem, reading of special messages from UN & FIFA, traditional/majorette dances, athletics, football, handball, tug-of-war race, sack race, and balloon race. 2400 participants signed the Manifesto for Peace.



SOS Children's Villages celebrated Games at the Primary School and Kindergarten SOS Hermann Gmeiner in Douala, and also in the city of Don Bosco Mimboman, where activities included reading messages, an exhibition of drawings, handball and football matches, traditional dances, signing the Manifesto, and sharing a cake of friendship.



CANADA

Canadian Soccer Development Group registered to hold Global Peace Games.

CAPE VERDE

On November 08, **SOS Children's Villages Cape Verde** organized the Global Peace Games in the cities of Praia and São Vicente. The participants came from various primary and secondary schools, institutions and communities, to join the SOS Children's Villages in Assomada and São Domingos. After a welcome address, two children read messages from Mr. Lemke and Mr. Blatter. 250 children competed in the football tournament in a spirit of friendship, fair play, peace and non-violence. Medals and participation certificates, signed by the National Director, were given to all teams. Fortunately this year the Games were supported by the Coca-Cola Company and Toyota, as well as by several small companies and organizations.



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

SOS Children's Villages Democratic Republic of Congo organized the World Peace Games in Bukavu, in the town of Kadutu. The Games included reading of special messages, playing drums, plays on peace and tolerance, educational events and poems about peace, local cultural dances, and a march with caravan. 6 football teams (2 girls teams, 2 boys teams, 2 junior teams) played in the tournament. All 459 participants signed the Manifesto for Peace and took part in the traditional handshake of friendship.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The Dominican Republic celebrated the Global Peace Games at three sites. At **SOS Hermann Gmeiner School Los Mina**, 697 children and 56 adults took part in sports such as football, basketball, volleyball, and athletics, as well as traditional children's games. After listening enthusiastically to the Peace Games messages, 208 children and 13 adults signed the Manifesto for Peace. 800 people took part in the games at **SOS Children's Village Santiago de los Caballeros**, playing football and volleyball, and signing the Manifesto. A pyramid competition and abilities competition also took place. At the **SOS Hermann Gmeiner School Los Cocos**, 1100 children played in the sports activities of volleyball, basketball, ability games, and pyramids.



ETHIOPIA



Right To Play Ethiopia, in partnership with government authorities and local NGOs, organized and celebrated the Global Peace Games on 26 October. Nearly 800 children and youth participated at Kirkos community playing field. The celebration included games, music, educational presentations, drama, art and dance. Right To Play's RBCP blue peace ball games were implemented to promote friendship, cooperation and fair play among participants. All participating children and youth signed

the Manifesto. At the end of the day's celebrations, children exchanged a handshake to demonstrate global friendship and a culture of peace and non-violence.

FRANCE

SOS Children's Village of Plaisir, with support of the Football Family and the Amateur Football League, celebrated the International Day of Rights for Children during the week of November 20..130 children of the association were present to encourage Thomas, a 10-year-old from the SOS Village, who gave the kickoff for the France-Uruguay football game, and wore a T-shirt with the logo shown at right.



GHANA

Play Soccer Ghana celebrated Global Peace Games. **Mawuli Soccer Academy** and **International Childrens Games Ghana** also registered to hold games.

HERZEGOVINA

The Global Peace Games were held by **SOS Children's Village Bosnia and Herzegovina**. See **BOSNIA** for more information about the celebration.

INDIA

SOS Children's Villages Bhopal celebrated the Global Peace Games from September 22 through September 26. Children from 14 renowned schools of Bhopal participated. Special guests included representatives from government and business , as well as former Olympian Jalaluddin Rizvi. The Games began with the oath taking ceremony. In the final match, St. Thomas School defeated Vikram School. The SOS-FIFA Peace Football Trophy was awarded to the winning and runner-up teams.



IRELAND



Sport Against Racism Ireland held the Children's "Count Us In" program in September. The program began with school workshops, covering cultural integration issues, in Dublin North West Inner City. Over 200 children and youth participated and signed-up to Global Peace Game principles. The program culminated in the International Soccerfest at Phoenix Park, Dublin. Football squads participating in the tournament wore campaigning shirts like 'Scoring Millennium Development Goals' (Ghana-Ireland 'Black Stars'), 'Against Child Labor' (Insaka-Ireland, All Africa Youth Movement).

ISRAEL

In honor of the U.N.-proclaimed International Day of Peace, the **Peres Center for Peace** in collaboration with the **Al Quds Association of Democracy and Dialogue** held a special youth event, in cooperation with the Israeli Cartoon Museum in Holon. Some 200 Palestinian and Israeli participants took part in cartoon workshops. Led by renowned Palestinian and Israeli cartoonists, the youngsters worked in mixed groups to create cartoons and illustrations that demonstrated their vision for a peaceful future. Each mixed group took part in a number of workshops including illustrative wall graffiti, designing a 'peace' superhero and drawing mini-comic strips. The special event was concluded with a ceremony led by the Mayor of Holon and a viewing of the animated short film: "The Pace of Peace".



IVORY COAST



The first World Games of Peace for the children and youth in Ivory Coast took place at the **SOS Children's Village of Abobo**. The ceremony started with a parade to the village, performed by children of the community and from five NGOs. Several addresses and messages marked the start of that day, and the children signed the Manifesto for Peace. The children of the village and the group Krimbo performed drama, dance and poetry with the theme: peace in the world without violence for the children's welfare. Four football teams, in a spirit of fair-play, solidarity, and non-violence, gave the public an interesting spectacle. The Games ended with the awards ceremony.

JORDAN



Right to Play organized Global Peace Games for Children and Youth over a three-day period in alliance with **SOS Children's Villages of Jordan**. The big launching event was held on October 11 at Al-Ahli Club's soccer field in Amman; followed by two smaller events at SOS Children's Village Aqaba and Irbid later in the month. In total 184 children participated in the events. The three days marked the culmination of a series of peace-promoting social games and soccer tournaments organized and led by Right To Play trained coaches. The games were met with much enthusiasm from the children, and a good understanding of the main goal of Peace Day as shown by the number of signatures on the Manifesto for Peace. Right To Play distributed snacks and lunch meals on the children during the event to stimulate their drive and get them excited about it.

KAZAKHSTAN

The 2008 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth became the third Games for the **SOS Children's Villages Kazakhstan**. The event was held on November 23 in the public school of Karaganda, and was joined by SOS Children's Village Temirtau, SOS Children's Village Astana, and Karaganda public schools number 62 and 45. In a friendly and free climate of the GPGs 35 children aged twelve and thirteen played football, showed support to each other, and built new friendships ties. The special message from the President of FIFA was presented, and all 45 participants of the tournament signed UNESCO Manifesto.



KENYA



The **Amani Kibera Initiative** organized for the first time the Global Peace Games in Kenya. The main objective was to launch the newly founded soccer foundation, with the theme, “promoting peace and a culture of Non violence”. The football tournament brought together 92 teams, including 12 ladies teams, and represented all 13 villages of Kibera. The final day of matches included performances by acrobats, dancers, theater groups, poets and local upcoming musicians. Just before the awards, both the special messages from Mr. Blatter and Mr. Ogi were read to all the participants and the fans. Also, the **Kenya Community Sports Foundation (KESOFO)** held a week-long peace soccer tournament in Eldoret town. Participants there heard messages from Mr. Lemke and Mr. Blatter, signed the Manifesto for Peace, and exchanged the handshake of peace before and after each match. **SOS Children's Village, Nairobi**, also registered to hold global Peace Games.

KYRGYZSTAN



SOS Herman Gmeiner School Bishkek

sponsored the tournament between the SOS team and a team of school No. 48. In the 3 previous tournaments the SOS team won the “Golden Cup”; this year it was passed to school No. 48. The children understood their agreement to keep peace in our planet, to go in for sports, to love life, to respect each other, and to deny violence. At **SOS Children’s Village Cholponata**, a football game was held between 6th and 7th graders from the SOS school and from the community. At the opening ceremony the teams greeted each other and the sports instructor read the special messages from Mr. Lemke and Mr. Blatter. The game ended with penalty shootouts won by the SOS team. The tournament ended with the friendship handshake of all the team members.

LEBANON

Right To Play Lebanon, in partnership with local organizations and authorities, celebrated the Global Peace Games on 2 and 3 November, in four locations in Lebanon: K.Y. Jaber Centre, Nabatiyeh; Al-Kawthar School, Beirut; Palestinian Scouts’ Playground, Beddawi Refugee Camp; and the National Municipality Football Field, Tripoli. Events included a peace-themed football match, indoor programs, recreational activities, stage-play and circus, mini-marathon, and Right To Play program resource sessions, in the presence of notable personalities in Lebanon, press and TV media. In the football match, a Right To Play team consisting of refugee children from Nahr el-Bared and Beddawi refugee camps competed against the Tripoli Sports Club team with children from disadvantaged areas of Bab al-Tabbaneh, Abu Samra, and Jabal Mohsen. In total, more than 500 children participated in the events and signed the Manifesto.

LIBERIA

Right To Play Liberia in partnership with local and international organizations and local authorities celebrated the Global Peace Games from 20-22 September in the following ten locations in Liberia: Pleebo, Maryland County; Voinjama, Lofa County; Zorzor, Lofa County; Salayea, Lofa County; Kolba City, Lofa County; Foya, Lofa County; Vahun, Lofa County; Kakata, Margibi County; Gbarnga, Bong County; Fishmarket Community, Monrovia, Montserrado County. The events coincided with the International Day of Peace and included peace themed football matches, indoor programs, and speeches by notable personalities in Liberia. In total, 2,233 children participated in the events and 2,073 children signed the Manifesto.

MACEDONIA



SOS Children's Village Skopje hosted the 2008 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth in Ohrid, Macedonia during August 28 and 29. Children and youth from SOS Children's Villages Skopje, Macedonia, Tryavna, Dren, Bulgaria, Cismadie, and Bucharest, Romania participated in the activities. After the welcoming words and listening to the national anthems, the Manifesto for Peace was read both in English and Macedonian. More than hundred children and youth, participants and viewers, signed the Manifest. Then followed the handshake of friendship. Seventy four children participated in the following sport disciplines: basketball, football, table tennis, 50 metres race and long distance jump. Each of the teams received a trophy. All the trophies were the same size and shape, representing equality among the participants and people in general.

MALAWI

Play Soccer is sponsoring the Global Peace Games in Malawi from November 28 through January 31, in the community sites of Bangwe, Chigumula, and Ndirande. During this time all the sites are busy spreading message of "End Malaria Campaign" by creating education programs; this is the rainy season and Malaria cases are high due to stagnant water, tall grass around homes including maize in home gardens, not sleeping under mosquito nets. The importance of using grassroots football as a vehicle for both sporting and social causes cannot be overestimated. To promote recreation, social, and health issues, and to change behavior through early child learning is a challenge. It is estimated that, after schools commence on January 5, this years Games will reach a huge population and collect 50,000 signatures for the Manifesto for Peace.



MALI

SOS Children's Villages Mali

celebrated the Global Peace Games in Mopti and Sanankoroba on October 9 and 13. At Sanankoroba the program began with the history of the Games and the reading of messages from Mr. Lemke and Mr. Blatter, followed by the football game between Hermann Gmeiner School and Public School Kola Magnan. At Mopti an SOS team played a neighborhood team. Then the participants exchanged the handshake of friendship, and the Dove of Peace was launched. At the two sites, 1790 participants signed the Manifesto of Peace.



MOROCCO

SOS Children's Villages Morocco held Global Peace Games at the 4 villages Ait Ourir, Dar Bouazza, El Jadida, and Imzouren. At Ait Ourir, educators, Mamans SOS, and more than 40 boys and girls participated. The opening parade was followed by games of football, outdoor games, cycling, tennis, games without borders, and cultural competitions. At Dar Bouazza, 180 children and youth, adult leaders and 20 teachers participated in athletics and football. The day began with the national anthem and reading of special messages and the Peace Manifesto, signed by 100 participants. SOS Children's Villag El Jadida organized a drawing competition, and a football tournament for 8 teams and a drawing competition. Special messages were read, and the Manifesto was signed by 123 participants. The event Imzouran was attended by nearly 400 children and adults. Student Plastic Arts designs and activities of the school radio station were devoted to themes of sport and peace. 4 teams played football in an atmosphere of tolerance, respect, and brotherhood.



MOZAMBIQUE

On October 4, **Right to Play** celebrated the Global Peace Games in eight sites including Matola, Maelane, Goba, Changanane, Mafavuca, Mundavene, Muchangulene and Inhaca Island. Activities were highlighted by play and games as well as educational presentations, traditional music, art, dance and poetry recitals around themes related to peace, nonviolence and human development. Finally a friendly soccer match between a team of boys with a disability and boys with no disability occurred. Nearly 3,200 children and 120 Right To Play trained Coaches participated in the activities. This year the games sought to develop leadership skills and individual responsibility of children and youth, and to help children and youth learn how through sport and ordinary actions and decisions, we can make the world a better place for all. Children were divided into various play stations for games and discussions. There were play stations where children could be counted before they were asked to sign their names and write a message on the Manifesto, which took the shape of a 1.5 meter by 2.5 meter white cloth. The children first repeated the Manifesto and chanted the slogan which read: "Eu Assino pela Paz," or "I Sign for Peace". Approximately 500 children signed the Manifesto.

NIGER

SOS Children's Villages organized Global Peace Games in Niamey and Tahoua on October 15 and 16. The programs began with the reading of the Mr. Lemke's message by two children of both villages. The message of the FIFA President, and Mr. Blatter's message by the Directors of the Villages. Activities included slogans, drawings, songs and dramatic sketches for peace, group games, and sports such as races and football. The ceremonies ended with the signing of the Manifesto for Peace. 232 signatures were collected in Niamey and Tahoua. The children waved large sheets containing the signatures to show a sign of popular support to the cause of peace in the world.



NIGERIA



SOS Children's Villages Nigeria held Global Peace games at Isolo Largo on October 24, with participants from SOS Children's Villages Isolo, Owu-Ijebu, Ogun State, SOS Hermann Gmeiner Primary School, SOS Vocational Training Center, and the local community school. A total of 245 children and 10 volunteer coaches attended the proceedings and over 150 spectators came to watch. At the start of the event all the participants and spectators signed Manifesto of Peace, and an SOS youth led the audience in Nigerian National Anthem and SOS Children's Villages Prayer. The special messages from Mr. Lemke and Mr. Blatter were read, and all participated in the global peace handshake. Activities included football (boys and girls), cultural dances (boys and girls), dancing competition (boys and girls), tug of war, and recitation of poems. Groups of cheerleaders motivated the players to make an effort to achieve victory. Finally, sponsored trophies and gift items were given to all participants irrespective of who won or lost in the games. **Teachers Without Borders in Nigeria** successfully organized the 2008 Global Peace Games in Abuja. A four team Peace Cup soccer tournament concluded on September 21 and marked the International Day of Peace. **Sports Without Borders** also registered to hold Global Peace Games on September 21.



PALESTINE

SOS Children's Village Bethlehem participated in the Global Peace Games for the sixth year in a row. The games were held August 16 - 23 at either SOS Children's Village- Bethlehem or Abu Amar Sports City. More than 30 different organisations and associations participated in the week long events representing more than 800 participants, including more girls than in previous years. A total of 843 participants signed the Manifesto of Peace. **Right To Play Occupied Palestinian Territories** held Global Peace Games for Children and Youth in Jericho, Ramallah/Al-Bireh, Qalqilya, and Bethlehem 12-28 November.



In Jericho, 47 boys and 58 girls competed in a bicycle race. In Ramallah/Al-Bireh, more than 500 boys and girls from 18 schools joined in the celebration, which included signing the Peace Manifesto, speeches and special messages, a balloon launch, a cross-village marathon, and face painting. In Qalqilya, 120 boys and girls joined in relay races and much more. In Bethlehem, 19 disabled boys from the Bethlehem and Nablus areas competed in a table-tennis tournament and wheel-chair basketball match.



PANAMA



SOS Children's Village Panama held the Global Peace Games Panama City on September 20. Important personalities of the Panama sport world were present, and the priest of the community blessed the inauguration event. The special peace message of the United Nations was read as well as the one of FIFA. The children jumped triumphant into the field, forming a colorful parade of races. Finally a toast was drunk to the participants. Then was the awarding of trophies for all the participating teams. At the end the Manifesto for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence was read and all the people present committed to be part of this global cause with a handshake between the participants. 448 children and youths signed the Manifesto.

RUSSIA

The Global Peace Games took place on October 23 in the **SOS Children's Village Pushkin** (St. Petersburg). The mini-football teams of the Village and the governmental educational school No. 638 participated. There were about 170 participants and guests. In the opening ceremony, FIFA-Ambassador Andrey Arshavin conveyed his wishes of success to the young sportsmen, and Kolja, 7 years old, presented a bird of Peace to Andrey. After the football match, players were rewarded with certificates and gifts from the players of "The Friends of the SOS Children's Villages Pushkin." Then 103 participants read and signed the Manifesto for Peace.



RWANDA

Club Rafiki, Kigali registered to hold Global Peace Games.

SENEGAL



As part of the celebration of the World Games for Peace, **Play Soccer Senegal** organized activities in the six sites: Louga, Kaolack, Pikine SEFACC, Pikine Icotaf, Grand Yoff, and Rufisque. At each site, a morning parade through the neighborhoods was followed by afternoon ceremonies. These included reading messages from Mr. Lemke and Mr. Blatter, sketches and poems about children's rights, Play Soccer workshop demonstrations, signing the Manifesto for Peace, and the handshake of friendship. **SOS Children's Villages** celebrated World Peace Games at Dakar, Louga, Kaolack, and Zigunchor. The program at Louga included the reading of special messages, games of basketball, football, karate, and taekwondo, and signing the Manifesto. In Kaolack, games of basketball and football were followed by other games, refreshments, and signing the Manifesto.



SIERRA LEONE

Right To Play Sierra Leone, in partnership with international and national NGOs and other organizations, celebrated the Global Peace Games from 20–24 October. The events included brief statements by eminent personalities from government ministries and the NGO community. The games were led by Right To Play trained Coaches for children participating in the event, and football games for both male and female teams were organized. A total of 2,750 children participated in the events at two project locations in Makeni and Freetown; 2,000 children signed the Manifesto. The occasion was highlighted by the recital of the pledge for peace and the special messages on the Global Peace Games from Mr. Blatter and Mr. Lemke. **Africa Youth for Peace & Development (AYPAD)** also registered to hold games.



SOUTH AFRICA

Play Soccer South Africa celebrated Global Peace Games. **SOS Children's Villages** Ennerdale, Cape Town, Pietermaritzburg also registered to hold games.

SRI LANKA



SOS Children's Villages has conducted the Global Peace Games every year since 2000. This year the tournament took place in 3 locations. In Nuwara Eliya, 16 school teams participated. The champions and runners-up were awarded certificates, medals, sets of jerseys for the players and trophies. In Anuradhapura, 22 school teams (16 boys' teams and 6 girls' teams) took part. A friendly match between a combined SOS team and the Stallion Sports Club of Thirumperumthurai was played at Batticaloa, where the SOS team consisted of Sinhala and Tamil players, the two main ethnic groups in Sri Lanka. The special messages from Mr. Lemke and Mr. Blatter were read prior to the commencement of the matches at each location along with the translations in the local languages.

TANZANIA

Right To Play Tanzania in partnership with government, national and international organizations celebrated the Global Peace Games from 15-26 September in four project locations: Dar-es-Salaam; Lugufu refugee camp; Mtabila refugee camp; and, Nyarugusu refugee camp. The events coincided with the International Day of Peace and included peace themed sports activities highlighted by football and netball matches, Right To Play program resource activities and traditional games, traditional dances, debates on peace building and public awareness campaigns. The games attracted 20,707 participants of different age groups and gender. 7,851 participants signed the Manifesto.



THAILAND



SOS Children's Villages Thailand presented the Global Peace Games at Children's Village Hatyae, Songkla Province on September 20 and 21. A total of 250 athletes in 17 Football teams from schools and football clubs took part. 20 youths from the host Village signed the Peace Manifesto. **Right To Play Thailand**, in partnership with the Ministries of the Interior and Education, UNHCR and Umphang Witthayakom School, celebrated the Football For Friendship Games on 8 November in Umphang, Thailand. 88 athletes (44 boys/44 girls), 8 coaches, 8 referees and 42 volunteers participated in the one day championship event. Qualifying tournaments were held in the refugee camps at Umpium Mai (143 children) and Nupo (110 children).



TOGO

For the fifth consecutive year, **SOS Children's Villages** organized Global Peace Games at two sites on November 15, which was also the 29th anniversary of the Children's Villages in Togo. In Kara, five schools and the University of Kara played in morning and afternoon football games on November 15. Players exchanged handshakes of friendship during the games. Special messages were read, and 554 participants signed the Manifesto for Peace. In Lome, 4 teams played basketball games. Before the matches, participants exchanged the handshake of friendship and signed the Manifesto; about 100 signatures were collected.



TUNISIA



SOS Children's Villages celebrated the Global Peace games at three different sites. Siliana held Games from 19 to 23 September, with the participation of 63 children and teachers and other schools in the neighborhood. Activities were a panel for children and youth on the theme "Tolerance", a carnival animation, a football match between the SOS Children's Village and the district Enozha, and a Visual Arts Workshop. In the Mahres, 76 children and young people participated in the celebration on 20 and 21 September 2008. The program included football and basketball matches and a writing competition. In Gammarth, a football tournament was organized as well as workshops on modeling, coloring, and crafts.

UGANDA

Youth Vision Uganda organized a celebration on November 8. The first day of the event began with short peace remarks, reading of the peace message, and signing of the peace pledge card (131 signatures), and cleaning up nearby public areas. A special football tournament between under-12 teams then followed. The second day featured group discussion and awareness seminar on peace, peace building and conflict resolution and the importance of football in a post conflict zone. After the seminar there were friendly matches between boys' and girls' teams. **Kampala Junior Team**, a community based Youth Football Team for orphans and disadvantaged children, hosted a game on September 27 between Kampala Junior Team and Junventus Kibuye. **Right to Play** commemorated the Games on September 21 in Lukuli, a host parish to many Sudanese refugees. Nearly 800 children (approximately 55% females) participated in the colorful event. **Kampala School of Excellence** and **African Youth Ministries** also registered to hold games.



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Right To Play Dubai, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and the Dubai School Agency, the Knowledge & Human Development Authority, celebrated the Global Peace Games on 6 November in four secondary boys' schools: Dubai Secondary School; Bader School; Al-Ma'aref School; and, Al-Wuhaida School. The events, in which 473 students participated, coincided with the International Day of Peace and included football matches.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



In New York City, the Mayor of the City issued a Proclamation declaring the 20th of September as the Day of the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth and encouraging all New Yorkers to participate to help support a brighter future for all. The 2008 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth took place at the famous Flushing Meadows Corona Park where they have been held annually since 2001. The New York City Commissioner of Sports read the Mayor's Proclamation from the podium to the hundreds of children, youth and families that participated in the 2008 Games. The Commissioner was joined by the Deputy

Commissioner of New York City Parks, who welcomed the participants along with the President and Vice President of Eastern New York Youth Soccer, the President of the Metrokids, the President of PLAY SOCCER and others. **The New York City Games** were organized by the outstanding and dedicated help of the **Metrokids** (with particular assistance from the Millennium Soccer School, Deportivo Acazteca, Academia Argentina, Jamaica Soccer Stars and Latin Stars), and by the Big Apple. The coaches from the many participating teams sported Fair Play Shirts and caps sent by FIFA. The 2008 Global Peace Games for Children and Youth were celebrated with soccer matches for all ages, the signing of the Manifesto for Peace and Nonviolence and the handshake of friendship and fair play—it was a fun and exciting event on a beautiful fall day! Andy Chea organized Global Peace Games in **Franklin, Tennessee**, on September 27. A soccer match was held between two teams of 32 children ages 12-13. After reading the special messages and discussing the Manifesto for Peace, all the children signed the Manifesto.



VENEZUELA

SOS Children's Villages celebrated the Global Peace Games in Maracay on September 25, at La Canada on November 8, and at Ojeda Aldea on November 26. At Maracay, after hearing the Manifesto for Peace, children played traditional Venezuelan games. At La Canada, following a workshop on "rights", there was a competition to select the Queen and Princess of the Games from among the girls of the village. 290 children and adolescents participated in the Games, which included folk dancing, signing the Manifesto, a small football tournament, and traditional games. Also **SOS Hermann Gmeiner School la Canada** held games on November 7. Children participated in a soccer competition and other activities.



ZAMBIA

Play Soccer Zambia celebrated the Global Peace Games for Children and Youth, whose theme was focused on Malaria Prevention. Seven communities, 25 coaches and 1,415 children in Chazanga, Chipata, Bauleni, Kamanga, Kalingalinga, Mandevu and Zingalume communities/sites celebrated the GPG on different days, but the same features characterized the events. After the reading of the special messages and a handshake of peace, all sites had children performing in drama, poet as well as singing and dancing. **Right To Play Zambia** celebrated the Global Peace Games on the 19th and 21st of September, with a total number of 620 children and youth aged between 7 and 19 years directly participating in the games. The events included a "Peace Tournaments" in Chawama, and Northmead, where children competed in netball, football, volleyball, and Frisbee. Special messages and the Peace Manifesto were read. At Rhodes Park School, a football tournament was organized for boys and girls between 10 and 19 years old.

