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This newsletter – Chiparamba Times – is distributed to all friends of Chiparamba, in Zambia, Sweden and elsewhere. Our readers are students and teachers, young football players and coaches, as well as sponsoring individuals and businesses/organizations. Chiparamba Times is a forum for information about football and education for youths in Zambia. *Zambia is moving forward: Be part of it!*



THE BEST DRESSED CLUB IN ZAMBIA

IN A COUNTRY where around 75 percent of the population falls under the poverty line, football equipment is not a top priority when it comes to investments. Most football clubs have difficulties getting even the basic gear to play, most often you will find players playing without shoes and in torn t-shirts. To find a grass root club with full uniforms is very unusual.

Even though Chiparamba is a very well organized club, resources are almost never there to invest in uniforms. The only teams that have had proper outfits over the last couple of years are the teams for the older players who have participated in Gothia Cup. Recently all of that changed for the Chipa players.

– We were about to change all our uniforms in Boo FF and had no use for our old, good conditioned uniforms. To be able to send them to Chiparamba knowing that they otherwise

wouldn't have the possibility to play in uniforms felt great. We feel a great pride in being a friendship club to Chiparamba and together with them we show how powerful the football community is, says Liv Sahlberg, Director of Boo FF.

The generosity of Boo FF provided Chiparamba with over 200 full uniforms. And they were very well received in Zambia.

– It's great to see the joy of the players putting on the Boo FF shirts. There is a great pride in wearing a proper football uniform. It gives the players a sense of belonging. The mere fact that we play in uniforms even attract new players to join the team. They all look forward to wearing the shirts, says Job Mwanza, former Director of Chiparamba in Zambia.

Now days Chiparamba is not only the best performing youth football club in Zambia, they are also the best dressed. •

FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Chiparamba FC has had a great development over the last couple of years. We are now able to finance the education of 150 children and we are optimistic that it soon will be even more. Still, there are things we can improve.

A lot of people are interested in becoming members of Chiparamba FC. We believe that their ambition is genuine, but still many of them tend to fall off at the last step, the actual payment of the membership fee.

The same goes for companies, many tend not to fulfill their engagement. We need to be self-critical and ask ourselves what we could have done to make them stay. Perhaps we could have been better

at informing what great changes for many children their money does. Because every sponsor and every member is crucial. Their support means young people are given chances to a good life they otherwise wouldn't have had.

On a more positive note, we are very happy with our deepened cooperation with the company Dunross. They sponsor a large number of sports club, in Sweden and abroad. One of them is Chiparamba in Zambia. The football, that they support, and the opportunity to go to school is closely linked together. It is through the football club the girls and boys are given the opportunity to attend school.

We are also very happy that the Swedish ambassador to Zambia, Henrik Cederin, have shown such a strong commitment to Chiparamba. Not only is his son a player in the team, but he have also established a close contact with the school.

To improve the connection between Sweden and Zambia, we now have a representative in Zambia, Johanna Johnsson. She is meeting with the

school representatives on a regular basis and follow the progress on the ground as well as confirming the money is used in the intended manner.

Lastly, I would like to mention our upcoming event at Grodan restaurant on the 6th of March. We are ever grateful that such a well-renowned restaurant is hosting the event. A special thanks to Mats Broström, one of the partners of the restaurant and the chef of the Swedish national football team, for his personal commitment. The event is carried out in cooperation with ViLirare, an organization run by the coach and football commentator Bosse Pettersson, that have over 300 well-reputed football players as members.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the event together with members of Chiparamba FC, the sponsoring restaurant as well as other sponsors, former football stars and maybe even a coach of a national team.

Thomas Bodström
CHAIRMAN OF CHIPARAMBA FC

FOOTBALL FOR GENDER EQUALITY

– Girls are being treated very different from boys in Zambia, says Chiparamba director Kelvin Mengo. They are more inclined to do household chores and given second priority in all aspects of life. Most often their education is less prioritized compared to the boys.

As a response to this Chiparamba started a girls section in 2009 to advocate for equal rights and to promote sports as an activity for all, not just boys.

–As a consequence of the injustice in society when it comes to girls rights, young girls are exposed to marriage and teen pregnancies at an early age and it also puts girls at the highest risk of social diseases like HIV/AIDS because of the lack of opportunity to participate in the activities happening in the community. We believe that sports play an important role in giving young girls opportunities and break the gender injustice, Kelvin Mengo continues.

Over the nine years since Chiparamba started its women teams, over 1500 girls have been part of them. The teams have not only been successful in form of improved social opportunities for young girls. They have also been success-

ful on the football pitch. Several of the girls from Chiparamba has made it to the national team participating in the World Cup and two Chiparamba teams have made it to the Gothia Cup in Sweden.

Chiparamba is committed to provide sports opportunities to young Zambians and use sport to foster resilience in young people. •





The School Sponsorship has been the backbone of the Chiparamba foundation since the start. The program has helped thousands of families in Zambia to take their children to school. The boys and girls in Chiparamba are assisted with school fees, uniforms and examination fees as they participate in football activities.

One of the beneficiaries of the program is Emmanuel Mwale, who like many others in the club is an orphan who had dropped out of school after he lost his father. His mother could not afford to send him and his three siblings to school. Emmanuel started playing football in Chiparamba and after that managed to get back to school after getting his school fees covered by the club. After finishing grade 12, Chiparamba helped arrange a scholarship to the University of Zambia.

– Chiparamba has been the second family for me and I am very grateful for the sponsorship I got. Without it I would never have been where I am today. I am thankful to Chiparamba for giving me a second chance to make something of my life and my prayer is that this continues as it is changing the lives of so many families, Emmanuel says. •

THREE WAYS OF SUPPORTING CHIPARAMBA.

1. Become a member of the Chiparamba FC in Sweden

Chiparamba is supported by individual members of the Chiparamba FC. The membership fee is SEK 125/month. For a family the membership fee is SEK 400/month.



2. "RÄTT": Restaurant business sponsors of Chiparamba

RÄTT is a concept aimed at restaurants supporting Chiparamba. The participating restaurants donate the same amount they charge for a daily special, every weekday.

Interested in joining RÄTT?
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3. Become a business sponsor to Chiparamba

Your business is invited to become a Chiparamba Partner. There are three levels of sponsorships available, gold, silver and bronze.

The following businesses are sponsors to Chiparamba:

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- **Kallus Advokatbyrå**
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Interested in becoming a Chiparamba Partner?
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ABOUT CHIPARAMBA

The Zambian government funding opportunities are limited due to low tax revenue and a very rapid population growth. About 6,5 million – of Zambias population of 14 million – are children under 18 years. Government schools are free for children from grade 1-7, although the students have to provide their own books and school uniform. Unfortunately, many families have difficulties meeting these expenses. From grade 8-12 all schools charge tuition fees. Consequently, due to lack of money, only 35 percent of the children complete their education and graduate with a grade 12 diploma.

To ensure the children's education, Chiparamba supports children through grades 1-12. That means when leaving Chiparamba the 18-year old will have a better opportunity for a decent life in one of the world's poorest countries.

Chiparamba is under the control of the Swedish Fundraising Control and holders of a so called 90 account.

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Please, get in touch with us if there are any questions or if you have ideas on how we can develop our activities, suggestions for collaborations and so on. In that case you can e-mail to this address:

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