



Glad's House at the Street Child World Cup!

“This is my story, the big story in my life”

“ I was surviving on the streets and I changed and went to Brazil to represent street children and now I am somebody. And they are not supposed to ignore us. We are somebody”

“There is unity and strength that we want to work together as a team”

Outcomes from Street Child World Cup

Increased confidence and self worth of young men in Team Kenya

Increased aspirations for children and young people still living and working on the streets

9 young men (and their families) have documentation and Identification – something almost unachievable for most people in Kenya!

Increased confidence and aspirations of Glad's House Staff Team

Increased ideas and inspiration for Director and CEO including visit to charity Fight For Peace that is based in a Favela in Rio that uses martial arts to support vulnerable young people

Opportunities for Team Kenya to become Ambassadors for Street Children in Kenya. All the team took this role very seriously and welcomed the opportunity to advocate for their peers

Within the conference an opportunity to reflect on life decisions and future hopes/goals/ambitions in their lives

Increased awareness of the issue of street children in Kenya

Team Kenya won “Most Improved Team” at the event

Global media coverage. Players featured on BBC Radio 1, BBC Radio 5 (Shelagh Fogerty and Up all Night), Globo (Brazilian Channel w/ 50 million viewership), The Guardian, SCWC Website. Glad's House will also feature heavily on the forthcoming BBC Documentary “The Other World Cup”

CEO of Glad's House worked with Team England girls in London and in Brazil (all the girls are 'Looked After' by the local authority) Building an ongoing relationship between Glad's House and Islington Borough Council.

“I could tell them that the chance I got I am making use of. I am representing Kenya in Brazil. I am somebody”

John Chege was born Deaf and Without Speech. John told us he had never been welcomed or accepted by the Hearing Community.

At the Street Child World Cup John was surrounded by people who were interested in him and wanted to communicate with him. For the first time in his life his voice was as important as everyone else’s.

John’s confidence grew and grew as the week went on. John had his birthday whilst in Rio. Several teams made him a card and in the evening everyone at the Street Child World Cup (about 500 people) stood up and sang “Happy Birthday” in sign language to John. When John was asked how he would sum up his Birthday, he told us “Joy”



“I want to be lawyer. When I was younger I was sleeping on the streets and the police found me. They made up a charge and put me in jail for two months. If I’d have had a lawyer, they couldn’t have done that. So I want to be a lawyer, to help other kids like me.”



Activities we took part in

Visiting Maracana (World Cup Final Stadium)

Visiting Christ The Redeemer

A day in a Favela!

Taking part in arts activities on a daily basis

Swimming... A lot!

Cultural Dance, including Team Kenya showing everyone a traditional Kenyan dance!

Team Highlights

"I enjoyed meeting friends from different countries. This made me to be very proud"

"I have a reason to say that by visiting Brazil, that will be my historical in my life"

"I enjoyed playing sport with others, we didn't only go to win but to play and make friendship and relationship from people of different parts of the world"

"It was my first time to enter a plane and it was something I really wanted in my life"

"I learnt how to swim"

How has Street Child World Cup impacted Glad's House?

- The Street Child World Cup Summit in September 2013 in Cambridge enabled the Kenya Director (Bokey) and CEO (Vicky) to reflect on our current programmes and look at how we can improve them.
- A main outcome of the Summit was the introduction of our new pilot Boxing Project. This project uses Boxing to support young people who have been living on the streets long term (10 years +) who are hard to reach. *(see appendix 1 for more information)*
- Following our time in Brazil and discussions with other projects we are currently restructuring the organisation to ensure we can meet all the needs of the children and young people we work with. This includes the introduction of a new Street Work and Advocacy Team who will focus on Child Rights.
- From meeting ChildHope (a larger UK Charity with partners across the world) Bokey and Vicky have been invited to New Delhi, India to deliver a week long training course on Sports for Development for an NGO working with Street Children



What now for Glad's House?

- Begin our Street Child World Cup Legacy work! This will focus on starting Glad's House Girls and increasing our Advocacy work. Being a part of the Street Child World Cup has enabled us to grow our work and look at key areas we have not been working in previously.

- Our Advocacy work will focus on unjust imprisonments, police brutality and Round Ups. We will begin to take sport into Prisons, Youth Offender institutes and Remand Homes. We will work with the Police on outreach work and deliver training in every Police Station in Mombasa about Street Children and the issues we face. We will build relationships with Lawyers who will work with us to challenge unlawful actions.
- Glad's House is committed to supporting the 9 young men that represented Team Kenya through their education and empowering them to be the best young men and ambassadors they can be. Since returning home, Benson, our Team Captain, has been elected onto the County Children's Assembly.

