

## Semi Annual Report on SPAT Program January 2017 – June 2017



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## Introduction

Dires for development charitable association since its establishment is working on the life improvement of children and youth with disabilities. The association use sport as a means to motivate children with different disabilities to use their abilities and to show their talents to the community. In 2017 1<sup>st</sup> half year, the sport department tried its best to support more than 785 children at 14 special need schools and 2 rehabilitation centers, among the children 380 are females and 405 are male. In the annual year the 11 SPAT trainers (4 male and 7 Female) are assigned to each school to teach sport and physical activity. What make 2017 different from the past years is that the SPAT teachers are assigned as a permanent sport teacher in the special need schools and rehabilitation centers instead of working from the office. In addition to that, the needed sport materials for teaching minor games are distributed to the selected schools and rehabilitation centers by considering number of students and types of disabilities. This helps the SPAT to adopt new working environment and will support their future career.

This reports only focus on the main activities held by the sport department in the past six month for the year 2017.



## **Vision:**

To use sport as a major tool with providing sport and physical activity to children and youth with disability at schools so that it ensure the benefit and equality of people with disability in the community.

## **Mission:**

Helping people with disability being economically, socially, psychologically able to contribute to the development of the society.

## **Goals:**

- ✚ Delivering minor games to children's with disabilities at special need schools
  
- ✚ Raising self confidence and self efficacy of children and youth with disability.
  
- ✚ Spreading the principle of “THE JOY OF MOVEMENT” by using shows and events
  
- ✚ Showing that disability sport can contribute to generate income in addition to entertainment.
  
- ✚ Providing sport materials to support special needs schools

## 1. Sport and Physical Activities in the selected special need schools and rehabilitation centers in Addis Ababa

In the year 2017 the sport department is strengthen its school activity in the selected 5 deaf schools in Addis Ababa. In addition to this, the Dires signed a memorandum of understanding with the partners.



School Activities at Victory Deaf School (Minor games)

**List of Special need schools and types of disability were Sport and Physical Activities are taking place on the year 2017**

No	Name of the school/ Center	Types of Disability	Types of School	Number of students			Remark
				F	M	Total	
1	Victory Primary school	Deaf	Deaf	39	26	65	
2	Alpha Primary school	Deaf	Deaf	27	29	56	
3	Yekatit 23 Primary school	Deaf and Intellectual	Inclusive	21	38	59	
4	Mekanisa Primary school	Deaf	Deaf	34	36	70	
5	Co Action Kindergarten	Deaf	Deaf	16	18	34	
<b>5</b>	<b>Total</b>			<b>137</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>284</b>	

## **2. Ethiopian Experience 2017**

A group of young people's from the Netherlands and Norway have arrived in Ethiopia on and stayed for four month with the program called Ethiopian experience. In the team there were two deaf students from Norway and four students from the Netherlands was voluntarily participating. On the first week they have a chance to see Addis Ababa and its surrounding so that they understand the culture of the people and the work of Dires. During their stay they teach different minor games at the special need schools where Dires is functioning with SPAT teachers. They share their knowledge, experience and skill for the children and for the SPAT teachers as well. Before they depart to their countries they organize a big event for five deaf schools.



Ethiopian Experience team 2017

### 3. Events - Sport Day for Deaf Children

On this day 110 students from 5 schools were participated. These students are from four deaf schools. The schools are Mekanisa, Alfa, Victory, Yekatit 23 and Kokeb Tsbha. The aim of this sport day was to show parents ,teachers and the school community the performance of those children and in particular to show the effort of the Dutch students and their work at the end of the event there were competitions among the student from the selected schools and those who performed better and win the competition get reward.



Participants of the Sport day during while doing worming up

#### **4. Sport material and financial support:**

One of the major activities of the sport department is to support special need schools by sport materials which are necessary for conducting Sport and Physical Activity training for the year 2017. We have achieved this goal by providing training materials for the selected special need schools where the SPAT trainers deliver training. Among the provided support the following can be listed.

- ✚ For Mekanisa Deaf School (Volleyball, Net, bibs and Balls) are provided
- ✚ Training shirt for SPAT trainers
- ✚ For Kokeb Tsbhe special need students 20 bags and stationery materials are provided

#### **5. Occurred problems**

During the work activity of the sport in the 2017 the following problems were observed

- ✚ Shortage of Sport(Teaching) materials
- ✚ Shortage of transport

The above stated problems make the challenge to the department to fulfill what was planned for 2017.

#### **6. Conclusion**

Overall the activity of the sport department is achieving its goal by enhancing the capacity of children and youth with disability through the sport and physical activities offered by the SPAT trainers. Children are enjoying the different sport lessons/ minor games and parents, families are witnessing the impact of the sport project at the school level. The SPAT teachers learn a lot from the Ethiopian experience team and other experts from abroad. Except some of the challenges faced during the year we are happy with most of the activities done by the year.