**TEMPLATE FOR REPORTING ON RECENT INITIATIVES ON SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

***Safe Sports Code***

***Task:*** *Provide a summary of the initiative, including a brief overview, proposed/actual outcomes and an assessment of any lessons learned and the way forward.*

***Timeframe:*** *Please only include initiatives that fall within the reporting timeframe of January 2022 – February 2024*

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| **Please provide more details on each initiative including items below:** |
| **Objective(s):** | *Please indicate which, if any, of the following fall among the main objectives of the initiative:* |
| * **Ensuring no one is left behind (advancing empowerment, inclusiveness and equality through sport)**

The Safe Sports Code, ensures a safe sports environment for all. It empowers athletes, promotes inclusiveness and upholds equality by addressing misconduct and safeguarding their rights. | * Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity
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| * Leveraging sports events to promote action to combat climate change, advance peace and/or sustainable development
 | * **Conflict prevention/peace building**

Safe sports bring people from different backgrounds together, fostering bonds and understanding. Participating in sports helps form social connections, promoting empathy. Similarly, in peacebuilding, creating inclusive spaces allows different groups to interact, breaking down stereotypes and encouraging dialogue. Both in safe sports and peacebuilding, inclusivity plays a key role in connecting people and fostering positive relationships. |
| * Research development, data collection and/or data dissemination
 | * Safely harnessing sport for sustainable development, peace and wellbeing in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, including through the use of technology
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| * Reinforce the 2030 Agenda and eradicate poverty in times of multiple crises, leading to the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient, and innovative solutions
 | * **Safeguarding sport from corruption and crime**

The Safe Sports Code is crucial for preventing misconduct in sports. It clearly defines various forms of misconduct, such as harassment and bullying. The code establishes complaint mechanisms for prompt resolution and its alignment with global efforts, emphasizes its role in promoting transparency and integrity in sports**.** |
| * Strengthened global framework on sport for development and peace
 | * Other (please specify)
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| **Situation** | ***What is the challenge or problem that the initiative aims to address?***1. **Ethical Conduct of Officials and Coaches:**

**Code of Ethics**: Safe Sports Code outline expected behavior for coaches, referees and administrators. They address issues like impartiality, transparency and avoiding conflicts of interest.1. **Education and Training**: Codes promote continuous learning and ethical awareness among sports personnel.
2. **Violence Prevention:**

**Behavioral Standards**: Codes address aggressive behavior, verbal abuse and physical violence. They emphasize conflict resolution and maintaining a positive atmosphere. |
| **Implementation mechanisms:** | ***What are the means/processes of implementation of the initiative?***1. The code is being expanded nationwide in Malaysia through cooperation with various stakeholder in sports.

***What are the main deliverables/activities involved?**** The code provides guidelines for creating a safe sports environment. It emphasizes the roles of all parties in dealing with harassment and abuse. The code strengthens integrity in sports governance and the national sports ecosystem.

***What is the time frame of implementation?***The code was introduced in March 2023 |
| **Target Audience(s):** | ***Who are the beneficiaries of the proposed/implemented initiative?***1. Athletes;
2. coaches;
3. parents;
4. sport administrators;
5. event organizers; and
6. sports bodies.
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| **Partners/Funding:** | ***Who are the main organizations/entities involved in the initiative and what are their roles?***1. **Ministry of Youth and Sports/ Kementerian Belia dan Sukan (KBS)**
* Develop and implement safe sport policies within their respective sports ecosystems. Adhere to the code, ensuring athlete welfare and ethical behavior.
1. **National Sports Council (NSC)**
* The safeguarding officer stationed at NSC ensures the implementation and enforcement of The Safe Sports Code*.*
1. **Sports Bodies and Organizations; and**
* Develop and implement safe sport policies within their respective sports ecosystems.
* Adhere to the code, ensuring athlete welfare and ethical behavior.
1. **Athletes and coaches**
* Promote safe practices, fair play and respect for others.

***What are the main sources of funding of the initiative?***Government funding  |
| **SDG Alignment:** | ***To what SDG goal/target/indicator is this initiative targeted?***1. **SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being:**

The Safe Sport Code aims to protect the mental and physical health of participants by preventing abuse and harassment in sports. By ensuring a safe environment, it contributes to overall well-being and promotes healthy lifestyles.1. **SDG 5: Gender Equality:**

The Code addresses various forms of misconduct, including sexual harassment and abuse. By promoting gender-sensitive policies and safeguarding measures, it supports gender equality in sports. 1. **SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions:**

The Code establishes standards for reporting and addressing misconduct. By promoting transparency, accountability and fair processes, it contributes to stronger institutions within the sporting community***Please indicate any other national or internationally agreed goals/commitments to which this initiative is aligned.*** |
| **Alignment with global frameworks:** | ***How does this initiative align with/contribute to the objectives of the*** [***Kazan Action Plan***](https://en.unesco.org/mineps6/kazan-action-plan)***,*** [***WHO Global Action Plan on Physical Activity***](https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/272722/9789241514187-eng.pdf) ***or other related internationally agreed frameworks on sport and/or physical activity?*****Kazan Action Plan (KAP)**:The **Kazan Action Plan**, adopted by UNESCO, aims to link sport policy development to the **2030 Agenda of the United Nations**. [It emphasizes five priority areas for international cooperation](https://www.unesco.org/en/kazan-action-plan).The Safe Sport Code contributes to KAP by:1. [**Strengthening global frameworks on sport for development and peace** through its guidelines and standards](https://edoc.coe.int/en/doping/8480-guidelines-on-sport-integrity-action-3-of-the-kazan-action-plan.html).
2. [**Promoting policy development** to integrate sport for development and peace in national programs and policies](https://edoc.coe.int/en/doping/8480-guidelines-on-sport-integrity-action-3-of-the-kazan-action-plan.html).
3. [Supporting a **whole-of-society response** to ensure safe and respectful sporting environments for all participants](https://www.un.org/development/desa/ageing/wp-content/uploads/sites/24/2020/09/Commonwealth-Secretariat.pdf).

**WHO Global Action Plan on Physical Activity**:[The **new WHO global action plan** responds to requests for updated guidance and effective policy actions to increase physical activity worldwide](https://www.who.int/publications-detail-redirect/9789241514187).The Safe Sport Code aligns with this plan by:1. [**Promoting physical activity** through safe and respectful sports environments, contributing to better health outcomes](https://www.who.int/publications-detail-redirect/9789241514187).
2. [Supporting the WHO’s aim to achieve a **15% relative reduction in global physical inactivity by 2030**](https://www.who.int/news/item/17-10-2018-who-launches-active-a-toolkit-for-countries-to-increase-physical-activity-and-reduce-noncommunicable-diseases).
3. [Encouraging access to opportunities for physical activity across various settings and age groups](https://www.who.int/news/item/17-10-2018-who-launches-active-a-toolkit-for-countries-to-increase-physical-activity-and-reduce-noncommunicable-diseases).
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| **Alignment with United Nations Action Plan on SDP:** | ***Which of the four thematic areas of the*** [***UN Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace***](https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2018/06/14.pdf) ***is this initiative designed to align?***The Safe Sport Code aligns with the four thematic areas of the UN Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace as follows:1. **Area 1: Access to Sport for All:** The Code ensures that all participants have equal access to safe and respectful sporting environments, regardless of their background or identity.
2. **Area 2: Sport for Social Inclusion and Gender Equality**: By addressing misconduct, including sexual harassment and abuse, the Code promotes gender-sensitive policies and contributes to social inclusion and gender equality in sports.
3. **Area 3: Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention:** While not directly related to conflict prevention, the Code’s emphasis on transparency, accountability and fair processes contributes to peaceful and just sporting environments.
4. **Area 4: Youth Empowerment:** The Code supports youth empowerment by creating a safe space for young athletes to participate, learn and thrive in sports.

***To which action area(s) of the Plan is this initiative designed to contribute?***The Safe Sports Code is designed to contribute to the Global Framework for Sport for Development and Peace. This framework aims to improve cooperation and coordination, creating a common vision of the role of sport for development and peace, particularly in relation to the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Safe Sports Code aligns with this thematic area, emphasizing the importance of leveraging sport for sustainable development and peace. |
| **Outcomes:** | ***What are the expected/actual outcomes of the initiative?***1. **Enhanced Safety and Well-being;**
2. **Prevention of Harassment and Abuse;**
3. **Improved Governance and Accountability; and**
4. **Promotion of Inclusivity and Diversity.**
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| **Mechanism for monitoring and evaluating implementation:** | ***What are the mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the implementation, outcomes and impact of the initiative?***1. **Monitoring Committees or Task Forces**: Establishing dedicated committees or task forces responsible for monitoring Safe Sports Code implementation can provide ongoing oversight. These bodies can track progress, address issues, and recommend adjustments.

***What specific monitoring and evaluation tools are involved?***1. **Surveys and Questionnaires:** Administering surveys or questionnaires to athletes, officials and other stakeholders allows for feedback on their experiences with the Safe Sports Code. Questions can focus on awareness, reporting mechanisms and perceived safety.
2. **Incident Reporting Systems:** Implementing a robust system for reporting incidents related to harassment or violence is crucial. Monitoring the number and nature of reported incidents helps evaluate the Safe Sports Code effectiveness.
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| **Challenges/Lessons learned** | ***What have been/were the main challenges to implementation?***1. **Awareness and Commitment-** ensuring widespread awareness and commitment from all stakeholders remains a challenge.
2. **Grassroots Implementation-Ensuring safety from the earliest stages of sports participation requires concerted efforts.**
3. **Monitoring and Enforcement-Ensuring sports bodies and organization accountable for adhering to safe sport practices is an ongoing challenge.**

***What lessons learned have been/can be utilized in the planning of future initiatives?***Increase awareness about the code through specific campaigns and workshops |