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

***Title of Initiative: GINGANDO PELA PAZ :***

***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.*

Gingando pela Paz is a non-profit association wich uses Capoeira, Afro-Brazilian sport and culture pratice, as a social technology (Social Capoeira). Gingando works in the psychosocial area for support children and youngs affected by conflits and with other vulnerabilities in Brazil, Haiti and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). This innovative approach combines sport, culture and social work, and has benefited more than 15,000 children in Haiti and Congo-DRC.

The Gingando’s methodology, based on more than 10 years' experience in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro, was developed in Haiti with the active participation of children and youngs throughout eight years of a program for the reintegration of children used in conflict by armed gangs of Port-au-Prince. Due to the success of this actions, in 2014, Gingando was invited by the Brazilian Embassy and UNICEF to join the working group that integrated this approach in a program to demobilize children from armed groups in Goma, in the North Kivu region of DRC. With the technical support of Gingando, the program has served more than 9,000 children (around 1,650 girls).

In DR-Congo, to respond to the demand from young people to continue their training and from NGO’s that have integrated or wanted to integrate this new approach into their actions, the association, through its representation at the DRC, with the support of The World Association of Children Friends (AMADE), chaired by HRH Princess Caroline of Hanover, was launched in Goma, enabling the launch of the Social Capoeira Training Center. In addition to Capoeira, the center offers of courses aimed at developing the potential of young people and support to organzations that use or wish to integrate this approach into their actions. Around 560 children with different profiles benefit from the activities, including street children, children demobilized from armed groups, girls survivor of sexual violence and internally displaced children.

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

From January 2022 to February 2024, different projects were carried out, reinforcing child protection actions and promoting dialogue and a culture of peace in the region. Activities such as: training in Capoeira Social; dialogue circles for girls; mixed dialogue circles; film screenings for children; film screenings for young people; training in musicality (music therapy) were carried out on a permanent basis. A special emphasis has been placed on the young trainers who make up the training team, to ensure the sustainability of our actions. Training on our methodology, monitoring and evaluation, reporting, children's and women's rights, first aid, were all part of the package of activities aimed at supporting the development of this audience. 11 young people were integrated into different projects to support training in the communities. In all the actions mentioned, special attention was paid to the development of women, strengthening their participation, especially in leadership positions.

Through partnerships with international and national organizations, such as the French Development Agency (AFD), German Corporation for Internation Cooperation (GIZ) and Save the Children, supported by the potential of youth for transformation, we expanded our presence in different communities in the city of Goma in different spaces, such as schools and camps for displaced people, reaching more than 5,000 people.

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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)**

Gingando works to ensure that children and young people become the first agents to protect their rights. To make this possible, our actions are based on the inclusion and training of this public, so that they have access to information that will enable them to act to transform their reality and that of their community. Our action strategy includes the family and the community (schools, churches, community leaders, others), so that everyone can be part of the effort to create safe spaces where children/young people can express themselves and develop safely. Particular attention is paid to the female public, with the valorization of their participation and specific spaces for dialogue, which contribute to the empowerment of girls and young women. To specifically meet the needs of young mothers, the participation of babies is allowed and encouraged in all the association's activities, including those related to management. | * 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**

The city of Goma is not known for holding major sporting events. Therefore, Gingando tries to promote small events, following the (national and international) calendar. During the period, we organized an event celebrating the International Day of Sport in the Service of Peace, where we brought together different organizations and actors who use sport for development and to promote peace. We also held activities to celebrate different dates, such as the International Day of Peace, the International Day of Women's Rights and the International Day of the African Child. These events take place in different venues, including public spaces, and bring together around 300 people per event. | * **Conflict prevention/peace building**

Conflict prevention and the promotion of peace are an integral part of the Capoeira Social training offered to every child and young person. More than 400 children benefit from the training. The aim is for each child to master the tools to act in conflict prevention and peace building. These two themes are also within the scope of the different actions we carry out in the communities. Between 2022 and February 2024, we held more than 18 community dialogues, family visits, awareness-raising sessions for street children, and Capoeira performances in different spaces, such as schools, public squares and camps for displaced people. In all of them, these two themes are promoted. The activities have reached more than 10,000 people of different ages and social levels. |
| * **Research development, data collection and/or data dissemination**

Gingando carries out regular surveys to assess the impact of its actions on different audiences. These surveys help us to continue developing our methodology. We are currently working on writing this methodology, which will bring together the experience of using sport with children affected by armed conflicts in countries such as Brazil, Haiti and the DRC. The publication is expected to be released in the second half of 2024. | * **Safely harnessing sport for sustainable development, peace and wellbeing in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, including through the use of technology**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Gingando's actions have helped children and young people to keep practicing sports and act as sensitizers to their communities and families about the importance of vaccination and prevention against the disease. |
| * **Reinforce the 2030 Agenda and eradicate poverty in times of multiple crises, leading to the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient, and innovative solutions**

Sport is an essential ally in achieving the 2030 agenda. It allows us not only to promote the theme, but also to integrate the grassroots (communities) in the efforts to achieve each objective. To this end, Gingando works to promote the theme in its activities and to make young people aware of the importance of their participation in the search for solutions to the various challenges. | * Safeguarding sport from corruption and crime
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| * **Strengthened global framework on sport for development and peace**

Gingando is promoting an international network for Social Capoeira, made up of initiatives that use Capoeira to protect children and build peace (Social Capoeira), especially in areas affected by armed conflict or post-conflict. The aim is to strengthen the potential of these initiatives, especially in the area of child protection and the defense of human rights. Today, Gingando is seeking to identify partnerships to continue developing its methodology and to promote Capoeira Social in the programs of organizations around the world. | * Other (please specify)
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| **Situation** | ***What is the challenge or problem that the initiative aims to address?***Gingando works to strengthen the psychosocial support of children and young people affected by armed violence. With a focus on human development, our actions seek to train social agents who act to support their communities and promote dialog and peace. |
| **Implementation mechanisms:** | ***What are the means/processes of implementation of the initiative?***Gingando operates through its Social Capoeira Training Center, a space dedicated to training young leaders. The Center supports cells in different communities, where children and young people are initiated into capoeira. A selection process is carried out to identify young people who are integrated into different training courses at the Center. The aim of these courses is not just to train capoeira practitioners, but to develop capacities and skills so that these young people can act to defend their rights and promote peace. The center also supports organizations that use capoeira or wish to integrate it into their programs and projects.***What are the main deliverables/activities involved?***411 children and young people had access to sport; 36 girls received ongoing training to develop and strengthen their skills in promoting community dialogue and peacebuilding; 18 community dialogue circles helped reduce the stigma attached to women's participation in sport and their role in peacebuilding; Capoeira performances in schools and IDP camps helped promote young people's access to sport, especially girls; Young women strengthened their capacities and empowerment thanks to access to a safe space during various activities aimed at developing women's capacities and autonomy.Institutional gender parity: Gingando has achieved gender parity in its coordination team. This balance strengthens women's participation in the decision-making process and helps develop the gender equality agenda.***What is the time frame of implementation?***The Center's actions have been permanent since its launch in 2020. The projects carried out in partnership vary in duration according to their objective. These projects can reinforce the activities carried out or expand the association's actions. |
| **Target Audience(s):** | ***Who are the beneficiaries of the proposed/implemented initiative?***Children demobilized from armed groups, girls and young girls who are survivors of sexual violence, street children, children and young people living in displaced persons camps, children in the process of family reintegration, families from 6 communities and the community in general. |
| **Partners/Funding:** | ***Who are the main organizations/entities involved in the initiative and what are their roles?***Maison des Jeunes, organization coordinated by the Diocese of City of Goma (North Kivu), Iniciative des Jeunes pour le Progrès (IJP), Concert d’Action pour Jeunes et Enfants defavorisés (CAJED), Heal Africa; Local authorities: Social Affairs Division (DIVAS), Gender, Family and Children Division, Youth and Sport Division. MONUSCO (through the Child protection session). ***What are the main sources of funding of the initiative?***Association Mondiale des Amis de l’Enfance (AMADE): main financier; Ongoing projects: German Corporation for Internation Cooperation (GIZ), Save the Children. Previous financing: The Association of Volunteers in International Service (AVSI) |
| **SDG Alignment:** | ***To what SDG goal/target/indicator is this initiative targeted?***3, 4, 6 e 16.***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?***Gingando's actions are in line with the objectives of the Kazan Action Plan and the WHO Global Action Plan on Physical Activity when it proposes integrating children and young people in the response to the different challenges for the implementation of the 2030 agenda and when it promotes physical activity among children and young people. The special attention paid to strengthening the participation of women to ensure gender equality can also be considered a factor that links our actions to these and other plans that are based on practicing sport for the development and construction of a sustainable society. |
| **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?***Gingando was not necessarily designed to align with the UN Action Plan. However, its actions are aligned with action line number 1: Global framework for sport for development and peace, in that it contributes to the creation of a common vision of the role of sport for development and peace, especially in relation to the 2030 Agenda, and works to train young leaders who work permanently in communities, promoting the practice of sport as a path to development and peace. *To which action area(s) of the Plan is this initiative designed to contribute?* |
| **Outcomes:** | ***What are the expected/actual outcomes of the initiative?***Today, Gingando has a functional training center, staffed mostly by young people. The center's actions allow us to achieve our three objectives: training young multipliers who work to strengthen child protection, promote human rights, dialogue and peace; supporting organizations that use or wish to use the Social Capoeira approach in their actions; and fostering the creation of a network for Social Capoeira among initiatives that use this modality in social actions. Since the association was set up, these three objectives have enabled it to benefit more than 15,000 children. In the DRC alone, around 400 children and young people benefit from ongoing activities aimed at reducing trauma and developing skills. Today, 11 young people act as multipliers, which has allowed us to expand our actions by integrating awareness-raising in communities and activities in camps for displaced people in the North Kivu region.  |
| **Mechanism for monitoring and evaluating implementation:** | ***What are the mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the implementation, outcomes and impact of the initiative?***Our monitoring and evaluation is based on our methodology. Developed more than 10 years ago, drawing on experiences in countries such as Brazil and Haiti, it allows us to define the indicators that will allow us to evaluate the results for the different target groups. Gingando's methodology puts the child/young person at the center of attention, empowering them to act consciously in the process of transformation (trauma reduction - identity reconstruction - development - multiplication).***What specific monitoring and evaluation tools are involved?***Over the years, different documents have been developed to support the methodology. These documents make it possible to collect the information needed to identify progress and points for improvement. Some of them were Integrated by UNICEF into a protection program that included Capoeira in its actions. We are currently working on a publication in which we will share our methodology, the different documents used and all our actions. It is due to be launched in 2024. |
| **Challenges/Lessons learned** | ***What have been/were the main challenges to implementation?***The main challenges of implementation are related to the process of formalizing the organization. Particularly in the DRC, where our Center is based, obtaining the documents from the public administration comes up against various challenges, slowing down the process and the search for funding. Another challenge is related to management. The Gingando team is made up mostly of young women and men who have benefited from social projects. This required and requires a significant investment of time to train the team.*What lessons learned have been/can be utilized in the planning of future initiatives?*From the outset, Gingando has invested in children and young people as the driving force behind achieving its results. Today, after 18 years, this strategy has proved to be the right one. Considering a public that is seen as the problem, as the victim, contributes to maintaining a structure that minimizes their strength and undermines their ability to act as the real actors of transformation. Despite the many challenges this entails, today we can say that it was and is the right strategy. |

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