**SUBMISSION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA**

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

***Title of Initiative: International Participation Financial Assistance Scheme***

***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:* | |
| * Check markEnsuring no one is left behind (advancing empowerment, inclusiveness and equality through sport) | * Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity   Check mark |
| * Check markLeveraging sports events to promote action to combat climate change, advance peace and/or sustainable development | * X Symbol iconConflict prevention/peace building |
| * X Symbol iconResearch development, data collection and/or data dissemination | * Check markSafely harnessing sport for sustainable development, peace and wellbeing in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, including through the use of technology |
| * X Symbol iconReinforce the 2030 Agenda and eradicate poverty in times of multiple crises, leading to the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient, and innovative solutions | * X Symbol iconSafeguarding sport from corruption and crime |
| * X Symbol iconStrengthened global framework on sport for development and peace | * X Symbol iconOther (please specify) |
| **Situation** | *What is the challenge or problem that the initiative aims to address?*  ***To address poverty and eliminate the situation of deprivation from sport due to poverty.*** | |
| **Implementation mechanisms:** | *What are the means/processes of implementation of the initiative?*  ***Financial assistances for international participation within the sport sector***  *What are the main deliverables/activities involved?*  ***The Financial assistances to sport organisations to allow teams and individuals to travel abroad for training camps and competitions.***  *What is the time frame of implementation?*  ***January 2023 -> Feb, 2024*** | |
| **Target Audience(s):** | *Who are the beneficiaries of the proposed/implemented initiative?*  ***All those involved in organised sport*** | |
| **Partners/Funding:** | *Who are the main organizations/entities involved in the initiative and what are their roles?*  ***Sports organizations participating in international sport competitions.***  *What are the main sources of funding of the initiative?*  ***Financial assistances by SportMalta*** | |
| **SDG Alignment:** | *To what SDG goal/target/indicator is this initiative targeted?*  ***3***  *Please indicate any other national or internationally agreed goals/commitments to which this initiative is aligned.*  ***SportMalta’s Mission to move a nation through the promotion and development of sport for a healthy, inclusive and successful Malta*** | |
| **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?*  ***To integrate sport as a driver of sustainable development*** | |
| **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?*  ***Global framework for sport for development and peace.***  *To which action area(s) of the Plan is this initiative designed to contribute?*  ***Improve cooperation and coordination.*** | |
| **Outcomes:** | *What are the expected/actual outcomes of the initiative?*  ***More young athletes offered opportunities to do sport at an international level.*** | |
| **Mechanism for monitoring and evaluating implementation:** | *What are the mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the implementation, outcomes and impact of the initiative?*  ***Monitoring the number of athletes benefitting from such an initiative and following the results.***  *What specific monitoring and evaluation tools are involved?*  ***Surveys.*** | |
| **Challenges/Lessons learned** | *What have been/were the main challenges to implementation?*  ***Reserving funding but is not utilized.***  *What lessons learned have been/can be utilized in the planning of future initiatives?*  ***Those who apply for funding but do not utilize it, will not benefit fully the following year.*** | |