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

***Allympics: Sports for All***

***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.*

The Allympics is an adaptive sports program by UNDP Thailand that brought together youth, people with disabilities, and experts to co-design unified sports playable by all abilities. Through a 5-day workshop, 10 teams prototyped inclusive sports using design thinking and presented 3 winning concepts - LaiLa, Base(b)all, and Double Ball. While needing refinements, the event sparked ideas and energy around promoting disability inclusion through innovative sport. The initiative has demonstrated potential to impact societal attitudes through the uniting power of sports.

For more information, please visit [Allympics: Sports for All | United Nations Development Programme (undp.org)](https://www.undp.org/thailand/blog/allympics-sports-all)

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

October – December 2022

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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)
 | * 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
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| * 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
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| * 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?*The initiative aims to address the exclusion and lack of opportunities faced by over 2 million registered people with disabilities in Thailand, who face barriers to participation in areas like education, employment, and social activities; this deprives them of improving their quality of life and prevents society from benefitting from their potential contributions. |
| **Implementation mechanisms:** | *What are the means/processes of implementation of the initiative?**What are the main deliverables/activities involved?**What is the time frame of implementation?*The Allympics initiative was implemented through a 5-day program conducted in October-December 2022 that brought together youth participants in teams, expert mentors with disabilities, sports professionals, and partners to co-design adaptive sports playable by people with all abilities; main activities included capacity building workshops utilizing design thinking and inventive problem solving, mentorship sessions, prototyping unified sports concepts, product demonstration days, and refinement based on initial user testing. |
| **Target Audience(s):** | *Who are the beneficiaries of the proposed/implemented initiative?*The target beneficiaries of the Allympics initiative are people with disabilities in Thailand, estimated at over 2 million registered individuals, who stand to benefit through greater inclusion, empowerment, and opportunities to participate equally in sports along with mainstream society members; the unified sports concepts also aim to promote greater visibility and understanding in society to help break down attitudinal barriers faced by people with disabilities. |
| **Partners/Funding:** | *Who are the main organizations/entities involved in the initiative and what are their roles?**What are the main sources of funding of the initiative?*The main organizations involved in the Allympics initiative are the UNDP Thailand, Together Foundation, Sports Authority of Thailand, and Sports Association for the Blind of Thailand, which provided expert mentors, showcase opportunities, insights on mainstream and adaptive sports. Additional partners are the CITI Foundation, which provided the funding for the initiative, and the UNDP Youth Co:Lab program which supported the design and implementation. |
| **SDG Alignment:** | *To what SDG goal/target/indicator is this initiative targeted?**Please indicate any other national or internationally agreed goals/commitments to which this initiative is aligned.*The Allympics initiative aligns primarily with SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities) and the target to empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all. It also links to SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) and the emphasis on encouraging effective partnerships.Additionally, the unified sports concepts promote the aims of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), specifically Article 30 on participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure, and sport. Nationally, the initiative helps advance Thailand's national policies on promoting equal opportunities and access for people with disabilities. |
| **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?* |
| **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?**To which action area(s) of the Plan is this initiative designed to contribute?*The Allympics initiative strongly aligns with the key objectives of the Kazan Action Plan which aims to leverage the power of sport for inclusion and equality. Specifically, it contributes to Objective 5 on building inclusive societies and Objective 7 on leveraging sports for development and peace. By co-designing innovative unified sports concepts, the initiative promotes inclusiveness in traditionally segregated sports spaces and harnesses sports to reduce inequalities faced by marginalized groups like persons with disabilities. This directly embodies the Kazan Plan's vision of "sport for all". |
| **Outcomes:** | *What are the expected/actual outcomes of the initiative?*The expected outcomes of the Allympics initiative are:* Greater visibility and inclusion for people with disabilities through participation in unified sports
* Increased awareness and understanding in society of the capabilities of people with disabilities and the barriers they face
* Empowerment of people with disabilities by providing opportunities to contribute to the design of adaptive sports
* Sparking a movement towards making competitive sports more inclusive with the co-creation of new unified sport concepts
* Building momentum over time with further refinement and organization of Allympics competitive tournaments at the national level and beyond

The initial actual outcomes achieved are 3 sports concept prototypes designed for accessibility, 10 teams of youth exposed to design thinking for social good, and connections forged between mainstream sports organizations and disability groups. |
| **Mechanism for monitoring and evaluating implementation:** | *What are the mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the implementation, outcomes and impact of the initiative?**What specific monitoring and evaluation tools are involved?** Demonstration and user testing of unified sport prototypes with disabled target groups to gather feedback on accessibility, enjoyability and refinements needed
* Criteria-based scoring by a judging panel to determine winning designs for viability and potential scalability
* Post-program surveys could provide insights into participant experience, attitude shifts, and growth in awareness of disability issues
* Structured partnership reviews with collaborating organizations
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| **Challenges/Lessons learned** | *What have been/were the main challenges to implementation?**What lessons learned have been/can be utilized in the planning of future initiatives?*Some key challenges and lessons learned from the Allympics initiative are:* Challenges:
	+ Designing adaptive sports that are truly competitive, easy to understand, safe and enjoyable for both players with and without disabilities
	+ Ensuring unified sports concepts are realistically scalable beyond a prototype stage
	+ Building sustainable partnerships with mainstream sports bodies to drive adoption of unified sports
* Lessons Learned:
	+ The power of co-creation; involvement of people with disabilities in designing solutions leads to more insight
	+ Importance of rapid prototyping and user testing with target beneficiaries
	+ Mainstream sports ecosystems also need sensitization to become more inclusive
	+ Refinement of sports concepts via a structured, iterative approach is key

These learnings can inform future efforts on inclusive sports by focusing on genuine co-creation and partnerships from the outset, piloting ideas at small scale, and planning for the resources and time needed to refine innovative concepts into adopted mainstream sports over the longer term. |
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