



SIGWACA FORTNIGHTLY

NATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF SWAZILAND

THE NFAS KALANGA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT KICKS-OFF



The NFAS President, Project committee & the constructors during a site meeting

"If you Do FIFA Does".

The National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) will own another technical centre, thanks to the Federation of the International Football Association (FIFA) and KaLanga

Chiefdom. The world football governing body (FIFA) is funding the project whilst the chiefdom has allocated the land for the implementation of this vital football development project.

In order for football development to be effective, the availability of resources is very essential. It is for this matter that FIFA is funding such projects to member associations around the globe as an enrichment exercise for the growth of the beautiful game. Through FIFA funding, the

AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE TECHNICAL CENTRE AT KA Langa, THE NEXT STOP WILL BE MKHUZWENI IN THE NORTHERN HHOHHO THEN MANZINI"-CEO OF THE NFAS.

NFAS is in possession of some assets which includes the Sigwaca House (Head Offices of the NFAS); which has been recently extended with a commercial wing for revenue generation purposes, Technical Centre in Lobamba and the King Sobhuza II Stadium.

Now the focus is on the construction of the technical centre at KaLanga in Siteki. This infrastructure development project is scheduled to be completed in seven (7) months' time. The site inspection has already been done as it happened on Monday; 25th September 2017 in the presence of the Vice President and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the NFAS; Mr. Peter Simelane, Lugongolweni Member of Parliament (MP); Mr. Joseph Sauza and Indvuna YeMphakatsi of KaLanga; Mr. Solomon Mhambi Mbingo just

THE ESSENCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT



The NFAS President at the Technical Centre in Lobamba

The President of the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS), Senator Adam Mthethwa having realized the need to establish virtuous structures for football maturity has as a medium to long-term strategy decided to construct infrastructure in all the four regions of the country. These are not exclusively for football development; but the populace will realize that they will also pay homage to our football competitions, locally and internationally, as well as house the administrative functions of the regional football associations.

Such infrastructure has also been designed to contribute to the fiscal incline of the organization. This is already evidenced by the extended wing of the Sigwaca House, which is termed an income generation wing, with the capacity to generate revenues for the organization and its activities. The same will be applicable for the regional infrastructure where possibilities of income generation for their maintenance and daily football exertions will be harnessed.

Infrastructure will therefore play a key strategy in the development, competitions and governance of the game of football.

to mention a few. During this event; the Vice President of the NFAS thanked the KaLanga Chiefdom for availing the land for this project. "On behalf of the NFAS, I would like to thank the KaLanga Chiefdom for this land as this is a vital project that will develop the area", he said. The Chiefdom of KaLanga is very much excited about this project as the local people and surrounding area are prime prospects of getting employment opportunities through football.



LIKE THIS: Mr. Zwelithini Mkhabela highlighting the plan during a site meeting

The site inspection was followed by the site handover event that was attended by the President of the NFAS; Senator Adam Mthethwa, Vice President and Chairman of the Finance Committee, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the NFAS, Members of the Projects Committee and the constructors' representatives just to mention a few. This site handover symbolized the official commencement of the construction of the technical centre by MO Mkhabela & Associates and Homeboyz-TCS JV. The architecture of this project, Mr. Zwelithini Mkhabela highlighted to the Projects Committee Members of the NFAS on how the whole project will be implemented.



The headquarters of the NFAS

This includes the establishment of the project, availability of the progress reports and program, the proposed frequency of the site meetings and the scope of works among other highlighted issues.



The site to be developed

This technical centre will include two (2) identical dressing rooms, first aid, referees' rooms, kitchen, administration blocks and a football pitch with athletics track just to mention a few. On its efforts to decentralize football facilities in the country, the NFAS is yet to build more technical centres in the



MP Joseph Sauza With the CEO of the NFAS



The President NFAS commenting

country. "After the completion of the technical centre at KaLanga, the next stop will be Mkhuzweni, in northern Hhohho then Manzini", said the CEO of the NFAS. These are good news for football development in the country as more resources will be available in all the four (4) regions of the Kingdom of Swaziland. It is a fact that with such facilities, our local game will improve to greater heights. Once again, bravo to FIFA and the NFAS.

For the love of the game.



King Sobhuza II Stadium in Nhlangano



The Technical Centre in Lobamba



The extension building at Sigwaca House

FIFA AND THE NFAS EMPOWERS FOOTBALL ADMINISTRATORS

Benjamin Franklin once said “An investment in knowledge pays the best interest”. This is exactly what the Federation of International Football (FIFA) and the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) did when they facilitated the FIFA MA Basic Administration Course as from the 2nd -6th October 2017 at the Technical Centre in Lobamba. The participants were from the NFAS memberships who are in critical governance/ management organs of the NFAS.



The NFAS President; CEO, FIFA Instructor, TD and the Participants of the course

This course was officially opened and closed by the President of the NFAS; Senator Adam Mthethwa in the presence of the FIFA Instructor; Mr. Jacques Desire Laval Malie, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the NFAS; Mr. Frederick Mngomezulu and the Technical Director of the NFAS; Mr. Bhekisisa Mkhonta just to mention a few.

The purpose of this course was to empower the participants with vital and appropriate football skills more particular as they are placed in important administration and management positions in the governance of the game. This empowerment in the technical aspect of football administration enhances the practical leadership and management in all the realms within the football association, thus assuring informed and sustainable maturity of the game. Some of the topics that were part of this course included; Planning; Human Resources; Finance Management and Communication just to mention a few.



The President of the NFAS addressing the participants. Looking on is the FIFA Instructor.

Mr Jacques Desire Laval Malie, the FIFA Instructor, thanked the NFAS and the participants for the support and excellent corporation during the course as it was well implemented. “Thank you NFAS and the participants for the support and excellent corporation during the course as it went according to the plan”, he said.



The FIFA Instructor addressing the audience

The FIFA Instructor also got the opportunity to highlight about the importance of club licensing as it will enrich the football development in the country. “All stakeholders must implement club licensing as it will enhance football development in the country”, he emphasized. Finally, he urged the participants to share the knowledge that they got from this course to other personnel in football in order the administration of the game to be enriched. At the end of the course, the participants were certified by FIFA for successfully participating in the course.

IT WAS AN EFFECTIVE COURSE- PARTICIPANTS

The participants of the FIFA MA Basic Administration Course gave a lot of credit to FIFA and NFAS for facilitating this course. These participants are currently holding vital positions in the football administration in the country. In as far as they are concerned, this course has added a lot of value to them as they were empowered by a very knowledgeable and experienced FIFA Instructor.

Mr. Philip “Big Daddy” Dlamini who is an Executive Committee Member and Chairman of the Swaziland Referees Committee of the NFAS highlighted that as a football administrator, this course enlightened him a lot in various aspects of football administration. “This was a valuable course as it enlightened us about effective football administration”, he said. He also stated that, it is very much essential to have such courses as they provide a platform for them to rehearse what is expected from them as senior football administrators.

The Premier League of Swaziland’s (PLS) Chief Operations Officer (COO) also highlighted about the value that this course has contributed to their football administration duties as they are in critical governance positions in the structure of football. “This course enhanced our football administration skill as this is a dynamic sport thus the need to upgrade ourselves to be in – line with the modern trend of football management”, he said. The PLS COO also stated that as PLS is being ranked among the best football leagues in Africa, football administration has a positive bearing on this status.



WELL DONE: PLS COO receiving his certificate

OCEAN BASKET EMPOWERS WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Before the Girls' High Schools Women Football National Championship, Ocean Basket fast food company promised to donate a football kit to the Champions of this competition and indeed the Swazi Woman owned business lived up to its promise. Elangeni High School were crowned Champions after winning against Hillside High school in the finals by 3-0, thus being the recipient of this kind gesture from Ocean Baskets.

This donation will go a long way as the women's football team of Elangeni High School will use the football kit when playing other football matches thus empowering them as they showcase their football artistry. The Director of Ocean Basket, Mrs. Thokozile Vilakati-Jele acknowledged the National Football Association of Swaziland (NFAS) for enriching the life of the Swazi Girl Child through football and for giving her company the opportunity to be part of this vital project as it also contributes to the socio-economy of the country.



Mrs Thokozile Vilakati-Jele Jele donating the soccer kit to the national champions

"As Ocean Basket, we would like to thank the NFAS for developing the Swazi Girl Child through football and for giving us the opportunity to be part of women's football development in the country", she said. The Director also thanked the teachers for their commitment and support towards the school's women football team. Lastly, she urged the girls to develop in the sport and end up playing for the Senior Women's National Team (Sitsebe SaMhlekezi).



The CEO of the NFAS making his remarks

Speaking on behalf of the NFAS was the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the NFAS who thanked Ocean Basket for supporting the development of women's football in the country and also congratulated the beneficiaries the donated football kit. "Thank you, Ocean Basket, for your support towards the development of women's football in the country and also congratulations to Elangeni High School for receiving this beautiful football kit", he said.



Mrs Thokozile -Jele making her remarks flanked by The CEO of NFAS and Thandeka Mbatha

The CEO also urged more girls to play the sport and end up playing for the Senior Women's National Team (Sitsebe SaMhlekezi) as football is an interesting sport that enhances people's health and interactive skills just to mention a few. Finally, he urged the public to support companies like Ocean Basket who also gives back to the public through sport as this enriches the health and life style of the nation.



Action during the national championship

Elangeni High School Coach, Nkosinathi Lukhele highlighted that this donation by Ocean Basket has motivated the girls as they will double their effort in future competitions. "Big up to Ocean Basket for this football kit as it is a motivation factor to the school's women football team and we will put more effort towards future competitions", he said. He also thanked the NFAS for developing the Swazi Girl Child through football.



The Champions: Elangeni High School posing with NFAS Employees



WHAT'S ON THE NEXT ISSUE

- Focus on Sihlangu SeMnikati's training camp.
- Importance of club licensing in football development.
- The football family dominates in the Swaziland National Sports awards.



Sihlangu SeMnikati at training

UPCOMING FOOTBALL EVENTS

- Sihlangu SeMnikati's training camp.
- NFAS License D Coaching Course.
- Regional MVA Ingwenyama Cup.