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FOOTBALL FOR PEACE IN OMUGO REFUGEE SETTLEMENT

A collaboration between Onduparaka Football Club and AVSI Foundation

About the collaboration: Football for Peace

Through this partnership, AVSI Foundation and Onduparaka Football Club will undertake sports activities targeting children and youth living in and around Omugo and Palabek Refugee Settlements.

Objectives of the collaboration:

- To provide professional training and coaching in soccer techniques for young people;
- To use football as a vehicle to educate local communities by bringing together traditional and non-traditional football activities and environments;
- To inspire, innovate and offer opportunities to train youth in sports;
- To promote peaceful coexistence between youth of different tribes and nationalities.

The partnership will target young refugees and run for a period of three years (May 2019 - April 2022).

About Onduparaka Football Club:

Onduparaka Football Club is an indigenous football club currently playing in the Ugandan Premier League. The club plays home games at Greenlight Stadium in Onduparaka, a suburb in Arua District. The club's name means 'sorghum stem' in the Lugbara language with the motto: *The struggle continues*.

About AVSI Foundation:

AVSI Foundation is an international NGO founded in Italy in 1972. It focuses on the defense and promotion of the dignity of the person, the cornerstone of every project. AVSI carries out cooperation projects for development with particular emphasis on education.

AVSI believes that every human person deserves to be treated with dignity and so works towards development that is sustainable and capable of responding to the real needs of people, by accompanying individuals and assisting them to become the central character of their own development.

AVSI invests in promoting civil society organizations rooted in the community; and through partnerships, fosters the exchange of experiences and optimizes the use of resources to open possibilities for development.

The person at the center

AVSI Foundation is implementing an emergency project funded by the Government of Italy to respond to the humanitarian emergency in Rhino Camp in Arua District. The project is carried out in a consortium with ACAV (Associazione Centro Aiuti Volontari) and AMREF to promote an integrated system of services in food security, livelihood, WASH, and protection of most vulnerable groups.

In Omugo, AVSI has established one multifunctional youth centre with the purpose of engaging youth in meaningful programs such as life skills, sports, community dialogues, livelihoods and nutrition.

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