

GUFC

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Completion of the first phase of the DREAMS project

Back in 2025, together with SanLucar Fruits and the VfB Foundation Brusting der Herzen, we completed the renovation of the hard court at Roodezandt School in Saron, culminating in an opening event. In the first quarter, we have now installed the additional ball-catch nets also to protect the adjacent gardening project. A coaching course has now been held at the Stellenbosch Academy of Sports for 16 candidates from schools and the community. This is intended to provide better training in Saron and also serves as preparation for the introductory course at the South African Football Association. José Cabral organised everything brilliantly and Eugenie Grobler accompanied the group as DREAMS coordinator. Highlights for the participants included the exchange with Gavin Hunt, the legendary coach who currently manages our partner Stellenbosch FC, and the visit to a Premier Soccer League match at Athlone Stadium in Cape Town. We are currently discussing the next activities with our partners and will include the project near Paarl and the SanLucar farms in the programme of our next Green Kick.



DREAMS Camp
Developing Real-Life Education and Active Mentorship through Sport

Sponsors: VfB Foundation and SanLucar

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Extension at the NaDEET Urban Centre in Swakopmund completed

GUFC has supported the NaDEET Urban Centre with the construction of additional Facilities for e-mobility, upcycling and recycling, which have now been completed just in time for the reopening following the move. NaDEET is essentially a kind of climatecentre and, above all, a learning centre focused on environmental stewardship at home and outdoors. The centre forms part of a wider programme featuring a learning centre situated in the desert.



GUFC und die NED Hockey Damen besuchen Zenzele

At the start of the year, we responded to a request from the Dutch Hockey Federation, which was looking for a project that the U17 squad could visit. We visited our partner project in Zenzele near Johannesburg, and the players had a great time with the children at the HEF Pre-Primary School. At the same time, it was an opportunity for us to check on the status of the various projects and to discuss the next steps with the head of the Humanitarian Empowerment Fund, Clethe Stevis. Our GUFC Africa Foundation head Stanton Fredericks took charge of looking after the guests from the Netherlands on our behalf.



What else is going on?

Offsetting our carbon footprint with myclimate

For over 10 years we have been offsetting our carbon footprint through environmental projects with myclimate. In doing so, we offset the carbon emissions from our travel, projects, spectators at charity matches.



GUFC Annual General Meeting at the SAP Arena in Mannheim

Global United FC e.V. is moving forward with its management team. The Annual General Meeting unanimously confirmed the re-election of the Executive Board and Supervisory Board for the next two years – see: www.globalunitedfc.com/de

At the Global United FC Africa Foundation, we are preparing for a revised structure ahead of the 2027 election.



School Tour with Stellenbosch FC

To get the kids in the university town in the Western Cape province in the mood for the World Cup, a school tour is organized in Stellenbosch in the run-up to the event. José Cabral is coordinating the tour and 'Hungry Lion', is joining us as a partner. We will be visiting a total of 29 schools.



Halfway through the campaign "Dorpiés Coaches"

Together with the E-Bosch Foundation, we are training a total of 300 coaches who will work with the children in the communities (Dorpiés) of Stellenbosch. In future, these coaches will primarily be responsible for looking after the children during the holidays. This isn't just about football, but about physical activities in general. The aim is then to train around 30 coordinators from this group, who can then independently organise activities in the Dorpiés and ensure that the children are properly looked after as well.





Changes at Magic Ladies FC in Cape Town

As our women's team, along with 13 other clubs, has still not returned to competitive action due to a league-related issue, the best players (part of the old squad) moved to clubs up to the 1st Division. This was particularly important for our top player Keshia Herman, who will have the chance to remain on the national team's radar. So, from this season onwards, we will continue to compete in the LFA (3rd division) and with a younger team in the NFA (4th division) in women's football, and we will focus on developing young talent and hand over further implementation to locals and continue to support the girls and the staff as partners.



George Dearnaley has worked intensively on the refurbishment of the pitch at the Western Province Cricket Club and we have taken care of the further adaptation of the structures and intend to involve the girls' parents more in this process as well.

Coming events



**Charitable
Match GER
17.07. Stein am
Kocher**

**Youth World
Cup NAM
04.07.
Walvis Bay**



**Save the Date
Soccer Golf
Charity Event
13.09.
St. Leon-Rot**



What's next?

**Construction of an
artificial pitch at
the Dorothea
Special Needs
School**

**Renovation of
sports facilities at
the Vlottenburg
Primary School**

**Construction of
the facilities for
the Thrower Aca-
demy at the Pieter
Langeveldt Primary
School**

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