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Message of Support by Mr. Wilfried Lemke

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'Africaid's WhizzKids United'



The United Nations considers sport to be a powerful tool to promote education, health, development and peace. Sport unites people of all social classes, cultures, religions and backgrounds in a positive and educational way.

As the Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace, it is with great pleasure to offer my support to Africaid's WhizzKids United for the second time, for a period of one year.

In the past year, Africaid's WhizzKids United has proven to be a strong actor in the area of Sport for Development and Peace. It uses the power of sport, in particular football, to conduct HIV / AIDS prevention, care, treatment and support. This is exemplary achieved through education sessions aimed at raising awareness, developing life skills and overcoming inequitable gender norms in an integrated approach with sport as a tool. In the WhizzKids United Health Academy adolescent-friendly health and counselling services just like a range of recreational programmes are offered to the participants. The initiative is thereby actively contributing to the achievement of Millenium Development Goal number six to combat HIV / AIDS, malaria and other diseases. It is my hope that WhizzKids United will strive to develop their programmes further, to reach more beneficiaries, and will continuously be able to reduce the risk of morbidity and mortality due to HIV / AIDS in South Africa. I will be pleased to see relevant authorities and stakeholders partner with Africaid's WhizzKids United in order to build a long-term perspective for the organisation and the project's beneficiaries.

I eagerly await the project's further evolution and results. I wish you every success in this endeavour and all the best in the continuation of your exceptional efforts throughout the coming year.

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