

WORLD AIDS DAY – 1 DECEMBER 2007

Gambia held a HIV and AIDS Awareness Cricket Match played in Gambia on 1st December 2007 and another on 2nd December against the Asian Community in Gambia.

The Ugandan Women's team played against Rwanda in Rwanda on 1st & 2nd December where a joint Aids Awareness promotion was conducted. Also, Uganda Cricket in conjunction with the HIV/Aids Commission has provided condoms in all dressing rooms at all times as a symbol of care to the community.

The Rwanda Cricket Association hosted the Uganda ladies' on 1st and 2nd December 2007. These games came as a return tour after the Rwandan ladies visited their Ugandan counterparts about a month ago. This also came in at a time where the Rwandan ladies have just completed (as part of a larger group) a cricket clinic conducted by a British NGO, Cricket Without Boundaries - CWB. This clinic had an AIDS awareness message throughout and the main theme was the ABC of AIDS and relating it to cricket, i.e. Abstinence, Be Faithful and Use Condoms. Our proposal is to run our event under the theme : "Running AIDS out of Africa".

The Nigeria Cricket Federation, in support of World Aids Day 1st December 2007 encouraged all teams to wear a red ribbon to raise awareness and show solidarity (also applied to matches on the 2nd). The Club Cricket Committee of Nigeria distributed these ribbons in support in acknowledgement of the seriousness of this issue.

The Botswana Cricket Association in conjunction with the Kings Foundation held an Aids Awareness Program for less privileged children on 1st December 2007. The idea was to create awareness amongst the kids while learning the basics in cricket. The venue was the National Youth Centre. Mini-cricket and some competitions were thoroughly enjoyed by the kids.



Swaziland Cricket Association organized a 20/20 Aids Awareness Cricket Tournament with sponsorship received from STANDARD BANK and CLOVER SWAZILAND. The tournament started on 1st December 2007 with semi finals and finals played on 14 and 15 December 2007.

One of the participating teams from Swaziland is pictured here.





The Zambia Cricket Union took part in the World Aids Day commemoration which kicked off with a march to the show grounds. The theme for the event was "Keep the Promise". Participants from U15 boys and U16 girls teams were drawn and played exhibition matches at the show grounds which also attracted many on-lookers.

Mozambican Cricket Association with the National Commission for School Cricket and in collaboration with Ministry of Education took firm initiative on 1st of December 2007, International AIDS Day through a day long program with more than 150 school children, 30 school teachers and many cricket lovers in Escola Secundario da Polana. The program was divided into 4 phases :

1st phase – Assembly of children and

- a) Group lectures and discussion on subject AIDS and its destructive social nature
- b) Object of this day and social obligation of students
- c) How ICC has joined hand with UNAIDS & UNICEF to fight AIDS

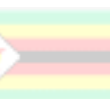
2nd phase – Cricket related completion in groups i.e.

- a) Hitting the Wicket
- b) Catching competition
- c) Hitting the ball to longest distance

3rd phase – Distribution of T-Shirts with anti-AIDS slogan to winners and thereafter lunch and soft drinks were served to everybody.

4th phase – A friendly match of 20/20

Whole program had lasted more than 7 hours and was highly appreciated by the parents and participating children, majority are from poor communities involved in grass-root cricket development through national program.





During the ICC WCL Div. 2 the Namibia Cricket Board highlighted and raised the awareness of the HIV/Aids in Namibia. The Namibia Cricket Board, together with the ACA /ICC and the Christina Swart-Opperman Aids Orphans Trust held a Level O training course for teachers of vulnerable children. Thereafter the same teachers supervised an afternoon a soft ball coaching clinic for 80 vulnerable HIV children.



RDM IN KENYA



The visitation to Kenya by the RDM and Richard Done of the ICC was to attend the Two Day Stake Holders Meeting which covered the following aspects, the Stake Holders meeting Theme being "Better Together":

- Strategic Plan 2008- 2011
- Proposed Management Structures
- Constitution of Cricket Kenya
- Proposed Development Program
- Proposed Operational Annual Calendar
- Proposed National Tournaments/Leagues
- Finances and Budget Planning
- Acknowledgements

The meeting was well represented by all stakeholders and was presented by the CK CEO Tom Tikolo who did an excellent and professional job. The press and well as television were present. The meeting was a breath of fresh air that is sure to set Cricket Kenya into a new direction and was successful and brought all parties to work together as a Team and for the benefit of Cricket Kenya. "Better Together" was successful in all aspects of the meeting.



U15 BOYS & WOMENS TOURNAMENT IN KENYA

From 9 to 11 December 2007, Cricket Kenya hosted the East Africa U15 Tournament under the auspices of the Africa Cricket Association and the Women's Tournament under the auspices of ICC Africa. Both tournaments were run concurrently and were successful by all accounts. Results received are as follows:

9 December 2007

Kenya Women vs Uganda Women – Uganda won by 7 wickets

Kenya U15 vs Rwanda U15 – Kenya won by 166 runs

Uganda U15 vs Tanzania U15 – Uganda won by 220 runs

10 December 2007

Tanzania Women vs Uganda Women – Uganda won by 3 wickets

Kenya U15 vs Tanzania U15 – Kenya won by 258 runs

Rwanda U15 vs Uganda U15 – Uganda won by 6 wickets

11 December 2007

No results received

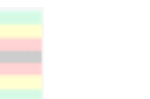
NIGERIA

Dr. John Abebe (2006 ICC Lifetime Service Award Winner) sponsored an Introductory Cricket Coaching Course in Ekpoma, Edo State in Nigeria. Ekpoma is 500 km from Lagos. The participants were students from University Secondary School that will serve as a feeder Nursery to the university. Olisa Egwuatu, the ACA-ICC North-West Co-ordinator was the resource person and was assisted by Cyril Musa, a cricket coach with the



Edo State Sports Council. According to Olisa Egwuatu, "I am happy to lend my support and technical expertise to this laudable project initiated and funded by Dr. Abebe. We took cricket to new frontiers and such projects can only benefit the overall growth of cricket in Nigeria". The course which took place at the sports complex of the Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma was held from the 6th-8th of December 2007 over 20 students participated. In addition: Dr. Abebe also donated a full cricket bag to Western Boys Cricket Club a new entrant to the Edo League. This brings to five(5) the number of clubs playing in the senior league in Edo state. By Olisa Egwuatu

The Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers of Nigeria held a meeting on Monday 17th December at the Tafawa Balewa Square Cricket Oval to deliberate on issues ranging from Laws of cricket, ICC ODI regulations and adopting the constitution presented by the Executive Committee. A short seminar was conducted and facilitated by Mr. Seyi Sonde and Endurance Ofem. Issues such as LBW decision (guard lines), no ball rules, free hits, fielding restrictions during power plays were discussed and emphasized on. Bouncers permitted per over, bowler's actions, timing an innings, umpire's dress code and conduct, relating to players on the field of play and interpreting the laws of the game. Mr. Ewa Henshaw, the 2nd Vice President of the Nigeria Cricket Federation and the Technical Adviser to Club Cricket Committee was also on ground to brief the house on his views as regards the standard of umpiring and scoring in the CCC league. He also pointed out noted errors by scorers and request for an update on scoring and umpiring by the Association.



The high point of the meeting was the adoption of the constitution which the whole house supported. With the constitution in place, the Association will be operating at the National level with affiliations from States Chapters.

The Board of the Nigeria Cricket Federation (NCF) has approved the appointment of two marketing consulting firms it commences preparations to host the 2nd edition of the North-West Africa Cricket Championship in April, 2008. The firms of Integrated Marketing Solutions (IMS) and Harness & Alban were given the nod to assist the federation in its fund-raising and communication assignment pertaining to the event. Nigeria won the trophy at the 1st edition of the tournament held in Banjul, The Gambia in May, 2007 defeating Ghana in the process. Other countries that participated included the hosts Gambia, Morocco, Sierra Leone and Mali. The five other countries are expected to signify their intention to participate in the forthcoming tournament in the coming weeks. The NCF Board also approved the appointment of Recticel Associates Limited as events managers for the tournament. The firm led by Mr. Dipo Idowu, a former Nigerian international, has handled similar events for NUGA, NIPOGA, NICEGA and the NICON Universities football competition in recent times. It is expected the firm will bring its organisational flair as well as the experience of its CEO in cricket matters to bear in organising a flawless tournament.

The Board of the Nigeria Cricket Federation (NCF) last week approved three venues for the hosting of the 2nd edition of the North-West Africa Cricket Championship (NWACC). Nigeria won the maiden tournament in Banjul, The Gambia in May, 2007 defeating Ghana in the final match. Other nations that participated included Gambia, Sierra Leone, Mali and Morocco. Nigeria is scheduled to host the 2nd edition in April, 2008 and is planning on using three venues for the tourney. The favoured venues are the Tafawa Balewa Square (TBS) oval, the University of Lagos cricket grounds and the MKO Abiola Stadium, Abeokuta. Apart from the choice of the grounds, the NCF is contemplating a change in the format of the games that will enable each country play more matches during the tourney. This will further aid the development of the game in the sub-region. As opposed to the knock-out format used in The Gambia, a league format that will see each country play all the others is favoured in line with the competition structure of the Africa Cricket Association (ACA). By Kwesi Sagoe

2007 ICC DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

The deadline for award nomination in the various categories was 14 December 2007. Regional winners will be announced on 31 January 2008.

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