

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) **between School Sport Foundation (SSF) and Ukrainian Federation of School Sport (UFS)**

Preamble

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), made 10 July 2024, between the School Sport Foundation (SSF), a foundation dedicated to empowering youth through sports, located at Rue Archimède 59, 1000 Brussels, Belgium, and the Ukrainian Federation of School Sport (UFS), located at Dmytrivska 46, 01054, Kyiv, Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"), aims to establish a cooperative framework to support and enhance the reconstruction of sports education and facilities within schools across Ukraine, particularly those affected by war. This initiative will also focus on areas with high concentrations of internally displaced children who have been forced to flee their homes due to ongoing conflict.

Main Mission

The main mission of this project is to rebuild sports grounds in Ukrainian schools destroyed by war, restoring hope, joy, and a sense of normalcy for children affected by the conflict. This initiative goes beyond reconstructing physical spaces; it is about fostering a resilient future for the youth, especially those who are internally displaced.

Significance of the Project

The ongoing conflict in Ukraine has resulted in substantial destruction to educational infrastructures, leaving many schools in ruins and disrupting the lives of countless children. By restoring these sports facilities, we aim to transform schools back into safe havens for learning, growth, and healing, with a special emphasis on areas housing large numbers of internally displaced children.

Vision and Goals

At the heart of our project is a vision where every child in Ukraine can engage in sports, regardless of the turmoil around them. By creating new sports grounds, we aim to:

1. Promote physical health through regular physical activity.
2. Support mental well-being by providing an outlet for children to relieve stress and express emotions, aiding in their recovery from trauma.
3. Foster social connections through the creation of spaces where children can form friendships, work as a team, and strengthen community ties.
4. Inspire hope and resilience, giving children a place to dream, play, and thrive, nurturing a positive outlook on life despite challenges.

Joint Initiatives and Collaboration

The partnership will focus on rebuilding efforts, community engagement, and capacity building, particularly in areas most affected by the war. The impact of these initiatives on youth development and community well-being will be thoroughly assessed and addressed.

Responsibilities of SSF

1. Provide financial and logistical support for the reconstruction of sports facilities.
2. Coordinate with local and international organizations for technical support and resources.
3. Monitor and evaluate the impact of the reconstruction programs on students' health and educational outcomes.

Responsibilities of UFS

1. Identify schools most in need of reconstruction and aid, especially those with high numbers of internally displaced children.
2. Distribute resources and manage the rebuilding of sports facilities.
3. Organize and facilitate community engagement programs to support the integration of sports activities into daily school life.

Coordination

To achieve the purpose set forth in this Memorandum, the Parties shall make all possible efforts to further develop their interaction and ensure the involvement of a wide range of participants. A joint steering committee will be established to oversee the implementation of this MoU, comprising representatives from SSF and UFS. The committee will meet quarterly to review progress, address challenges, and adapt strategies as necessary.

Resource Sharing and Support

Both parties agree to share resources, including knowledge, expertise, and networks, to support the execution of the agreed-upon initiatives. Specific support from each party will be outlined in annexes to this MoU.

Consultations

The Parties shall conduct regular consultations to discuss areas of mutual interest and opportunities for mutual benefit related to the reconstruction efforts. If necessary, the location and dates of the consultations, as well as their agenda, will be agreed upon additionally.

Amendments and Termination of the Memorandum

This Memorandum shall come into force on the date of its signing by the Parties and shall remain in effect until its termination by mutual consent of the Parties. Amendments and supplements to this Memorandum shall be made in writing and signed by the authorized persons of the Parties and form an integral part of this Memorandum. Termination of this Memorandum shall not result in the termination of contracts (agreements) concluded between the Parties regarding any joint actions (projects). All disputes and contradictions regarding the order of execution and interpretation of this Memorandum shall be resolved through direct negotiations between the Parties. Upon termination of this Memorandum, the Parties shall analyze the results of their interaction.

This Memorandum is made in two authentic copies in English, one for each Party.

Signatures

Executed by the parties through their duly authorized representatives on the dates indicated below.

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