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## CHIPARAMBA FC – ONE OF ZAMBIA'S MOST WELL-ORGANIZED FOOTBALL CLUBS.

Chiparamba FC was formed in Lusaka in 1996 by Lennart Bäckman and Dan Allbäck along with Nenani Banda from Zambia. Operations are carried out as an academy and is aimed at children and youngsters – girls and boys – aged 6-18 years. Today, trainings are organized six days a week for 260 youth's (190 boys and 70 girls). Eight teams from Chiparamba FC plays in Ligue Yathu – the largest league for youth football in Zambia.

Football is the national sport in Zambia and football is played everywhere on the dusty clay courts in Lusaka. Many of these kids dream of one day playing in Chiparamba FC, which is one of Zambia's most well-organized and best qualified football clubs. Over the years, several of the players in the U17- and U20-national teams and the Zambian national football team have been brought up in Chiparamba FC. When Zambia sensationally won the Africa Cup of Nations in 2012, two of the players had played for Chiparamba FC in their youth's. The team has also participated in the Gothia Cup since 2000 and is one of the most popular and also have two qualifying victories, in 2004 and 2009.



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# FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR CHIPARAMBA HELD AT URBAN DELI IN STOCKHOLM

Prominent visit by Lennart Johansson – the longest serving president of UEFA (the Union of European Football Associations) from his election at UEFA's Malta Congress in 1990 until 2007. We are proud to announce that Mr Johansson is now a lifelong member of Chiparamba FC. In the middle – Jesper Weidnitz – originator of the project RÄTT and the event's host. To the right – Klas Björkhagen – founder of the Chiparamba Foundation.

In November last year the restaurant Urban Deli in Stockholm held a big event for Chiparamba. This was done in cooperation with the organization "ViLirare" run by the former star coach and current football TV commentator Bosse Pettersson. There were many football players present; former players like Andreas Ravelli and Björn Kindlund, and also current active players such as Kennedy Bakircioglu. Alexandra Pascalidou was the moderator of the evening and made us all in a good mood. The greatest impression was made by Wallance Sakala who, when he was interviewed, told us that he plays football in Chiparamba FC in Zambia and on his visit to Sweden had the chance to practice with Djurgården's A team.

The main purpose of the evening was to encourage restaurants to support the Chiparamba Foundation's school programme in Zambia, to enable more girls and boys to go to school. After this evening, there were several restaurants which have joined the project. An additional positive effect of the evening was that other companies also took the opportunity to become sponsors. Moreover, several persons joined as individual members of the Swedish Chiparamba FC.

Many thanks to our friends at Urban Deli for a great evening and your generosity! This event has made it possible for Chiparamba to improve our school programme in Zambia. It was also a great opportunity to meet many nice and dedicated people.



Wallance Sakala – the captain of Chiparamba FC's U-18 team – and Kennedy Bakircioglu – who plays for Hammarby FC in the Swedish premiere league and former professional player in FC Twente, Ajax and Racing Santander.

Fotboll. 17-åring från Zambia får chansen att träna med Djurgården



Wallance Sakala upptäcktes som sexåring hemma i Zambia när han jonglerade med en boll som han hade gjort av plast.

Foto: Jonas Löfdkvist

**Fakta.**  
**Chiparamba FC**

- **Chiparamba FC** bildades 1996 i Lusaka i Zambia. Verksamheten bedrivs som en akademi och riktar sig till cirka 700 barn och ungdomar - både flickor och pojkar - i åldern 6-18 år. Under åren har flera av spelarna i zambiska fotbollslandslaget fostrats i Chiparamba FC och varje år sedan 2000 har laget framgångsrikt deltagit i Gothia Cup.
- **För 125 kronor** per månad kan man som privatperson stötta ett barn i Chiparamba FC med skolgång Verksamheten bedrivs enligt amerikansk collegemodell, vilket innebär att man endast får spela i Chiparamba FC om man också går i skolan och sköter sina studier.
- **Bidraget går** oavkortat till Chiparamba Foundation, en stiftelse med säte i Stockholm - med ett 90-konto - och därmed granskad av Svensk Insamlingskontroll.

# Plastbollen i Chiparamba startade Wallance väg mot ett bättre liv

Sex år gammal stod han barfota och jonglerade med en hemmagjord boll av plast. Tack vare Chiparamba Foundation får Wallance Sakala elva år senare chansen att träna med Djurgården.

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● Duggregnet är ihärdigt, det börjar likna svensk höst. När tränaren Pelle Olsson samlar truppen är ett par nya ansikten på plats på Kaktus.

En av dem är Wallance Sakala från Zambia.

– Jag kommer att lära mig och bli bättre genom att få träna med de här spelarna, säger 17-årige Wallance samtidigt som Kerim Mrabti, Emil Bergström och Jacob Une Larsson, nyförvärvet från Brommapojkarna, går ned mot träningsplan.

– Jag vill bli professionell fotbollsspelare, det är min dröm. Jag satsar att på fotbollen.

Innan Wallance följer efter A-lagsspelarna växlar han några ord med Klas Björkhagen. Det är tack vare honom som Wallance nu får chansen att komma till Stockholm och träna fotboll. När Björkhagen fyllde 50 år ville han inte att vännerna skulle ge honom presenter.

– Jag ville att mina vänner gav ett bidrag till en stiftelse, det kändes betydligt mer meningsfullt.

Under vintern 2004 hade han varit på besök i Lusaka för att se på Örgrytes samarbete med Chiparamba FC, en klubb som 1966 bildades av Lennart Bäckman och Dan Allbäck tillsammans med Nenani Banda.

Björkhagen förälskade sig i klubben. – De var fantastiska på fotboll, men det var värre med skolgången. Björkhagen bestämde sig för att

starta en stiftelse som skulle ge ungdomar chansen att kombinera skolan med fotboll. Chiparamba Foundation bildades på Klas Björkhagens födelsedag den 19 oktober 2004.

I Chiparamba FC spelar ungdomar som är 16-18 år. Men under sin resa blev Björkhagen också imponerad av knattar som trixade med bollar som de tillverkat själva.

En av dem var Wallance Sakala.

– Jag såg en kille i särk, han var barfota och stod och jonglerade på ett helt fantastiskt sätt.

Björkhagen steg ur bilen och frågade om han fick fotografera. En av bilderna blev senare logotypen till Chiparamba Foundation.

Wallance, som bara var sex år, minns deras första möte.

– Han tog några bilder när jag jonglerade med en boll som jag gjort av plast.

Ett par år senare var Björkhagen tillbaka i Zambia och letade rätt på Wallance. Pappan hade dött och Wallance levde med sin mamma och två systrar. Tack vare Chiparamba Foundation kunde Wallance nu börja i privatskola.

– Jag fick nya skor, skoluniform, allt, säger Wallance tacksam. Innan dess gick jag i en skola som inte var bra. Mamma blev väldigt tacksam, hon är fortfarande lycklig.

**Wallance fick** dessutom chansen i Chiparamba FC.

– Det är som Brommapojkarna, alla unga vill spela där, jämför Björkhagen.

I dag är Wallance lagkapten i Chiparambas U18-lag som gick till semifinal i Gothia Cup. Han har också blivit uppmärksam av Zambias U-20-landslag där han är yngst av alla.

– Jag har tränat med dem i två veckor, inte spelat någon match.

Några av spelarna från Chiparamba FC har gått hela vägen till Zambias A-landslag.

– Jag tror att fyra eller fem var med när Zambia vann Afrikanska cupen 2012, säger Wallance.

Av en tillfällighet fick Klas Björkhagen, som bor på Lidingö, höra att nyblivna division 3-laget IFK Lidingö gärna tar emot förstärkningar. Gamle Djurgårdskaptenen Markus Karlsson är sportchef i IFK Lidingö. När han såg Wallance tipsade han Djurgården där Wallance först tränade med klubbens U19-lag innan han fick chansen att visa upp sig för Pelle Olsson.

– Det är kul att se hur långt han kan gå, säger Björkhagen. Stannar det vid det här har Wallance ändå fått tre helt magiska veckor.

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# GRATITUDE TO CHIPARAMBA FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

*By Rebecca Tembo*

On behalf of all the Chiparamba sponsored pupils, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our sponsors who have made it possible for us to be in school today. When I received the news that I had qualified to go to grade eight, I failed to celebrate like any other child who had qualified. I did not know where the money for my school requirements would come from since I had lost my father when I was just a child. My mother was helpless since she had no job. She tried to calm me down but I could see in her eyes that she was just trying to be strong. Luckily, a friend of mine introduced me to Wallace Sakala who came to my place to talk to my mother. Wallace later talked to the

coaches and agreed to put my name on the programme. As I speak now I am a proud grade eleven who is waiting to complete my secondary education in 2017. I learn pressure free because all my school requirements are met by my sponsors. I mean my fees, uniforms and examination fees. As for the uniforms, we are really grateful because we look like we coming from well organised homes.

I can go on and on mentioning the good things the Chiparamba Foundation has done to us. All I can say is that this gesture should continue to enable vulnerable children access the most needed education especially we the girl children.



**The Swedish ambassador Hendrik Cederin watched his son Nils playing for Chiparamba FC.** Hendrik Cederin, the Swedish ambassador in Zambia took his time off from his busy schedule to watch his son Nils, who spent two weeks of his visit in Zambia practicing with Chiparamba FC senior boys. He watched a friendly game against Kaunda Square soccer academy, where Chiparamba FC won by two goals. After the game ambassador Cederin told the boys to continue with good spirits as they have a bright future both in school and on the pitch and offered himself to be available for any assistance if it's needed.



**Chiparamba FC invited to Street Football World Festival I France.** Patrick Phiri is one of the young coaches who has been working with young players for four years now and he went through Chipa school programme until he completed 2015. Patrick attended the *Street Football World Festival (SFW) 2014* in Brazil. SFW is a global network for sports for development, an organisation where Chiparamba FC falls into. Chiparamba FC has been invited to attend *Street Football World Festival 16* in Lyon France 28th June – 7th July 2016, where network members get to learn on different programmes, which could improve our programme implementation. We are currently fundraising for Patrick and his delegation of four (2 girls and 2 boys) air ticket to France.



**Gothia Cup Qualifies Tournament.** Chiparamba FC would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone that took part in organizing and participate in the *Gothia Cup Qualifies Tournament* which took place the 9th April.

Hard luck to our girls. You did your best and we are proud of you, but it was not your day. Congratulations to Zamwill for the victory.

Lastly, we would like to thank the Swedish ambassador – for finding time on his busy schedule to watch the tournament.



**Skills Cup.** 2015 ended with a 400 smiles after a week long Skills Cup. The tournament was well attended with teams of boys and girls playing competitive football games and also promoting a drugs free culture through the Drugs Enforcement Commission. Some of the children said this was their best event of the year because of the atmosphere of friendship and good competition.



**Youth Pamodzi.** Girls For Change (G4C) programme is changed to Youth Pamodzi. Youth Pamodzi includes both girls and boys. The Youth Pamodzi implement sexual health, water and sanitation hygiene, gender equality, early marriages and self-esteem education among 2 000 youths registered within Lusaka, Ndola and Chibombo.

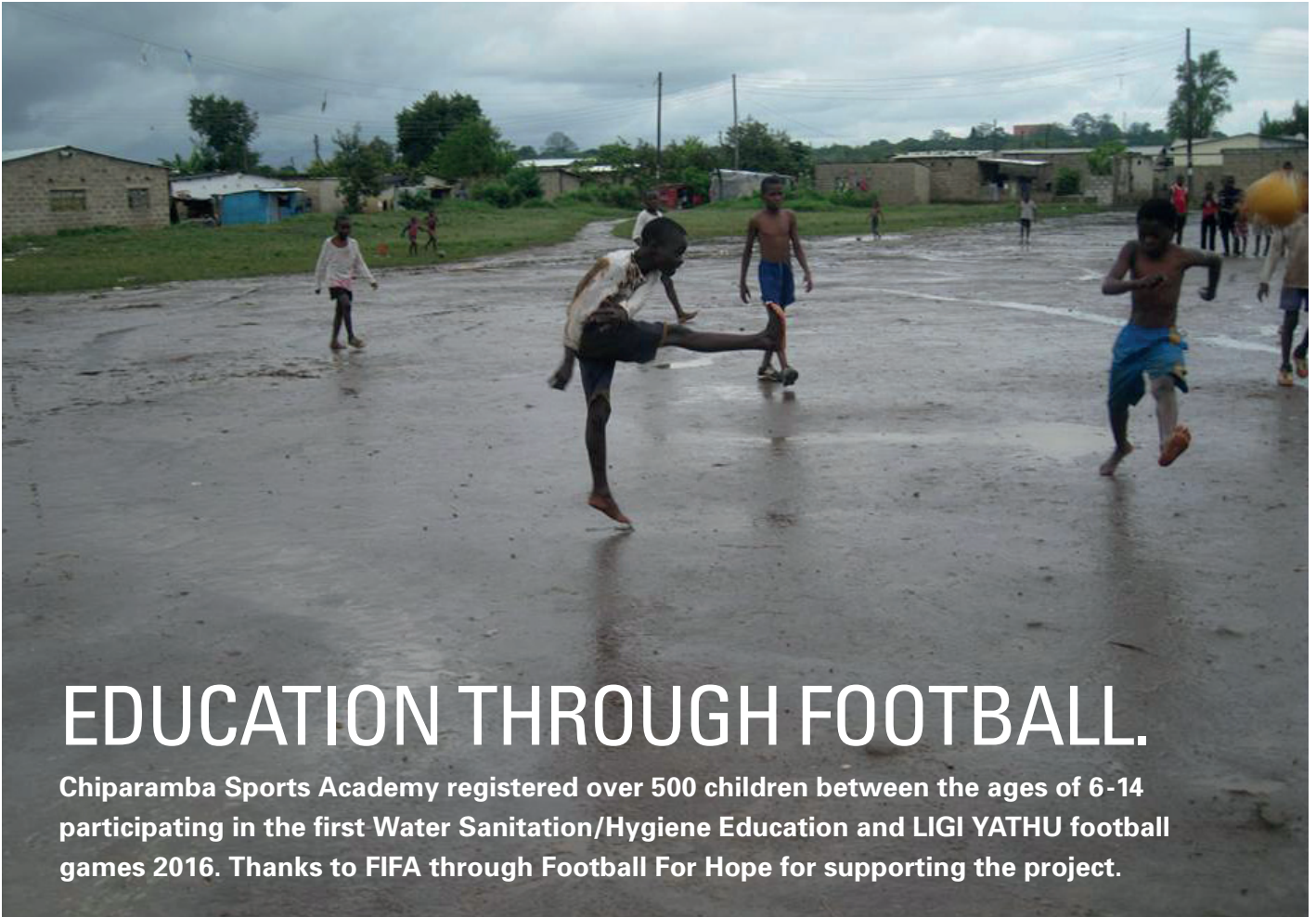


**Job Mwanza.** Job Mwanza meets children and players in Chiparamba FC once every term to orient them on the quarterly programmes achievements, failures and targets for next quarter. This helps them feel part of the team as they are well informed on our core objectives as an organisation.



## A HUGE THANK YOU TO DUNROSS & CO

Chiparamba Sports Academy would like to thank Dunross & Co (Sweden) for their continued support. This year, Dunross have recommitted their support to helping children and youths in Zambia to realize their potential and become good citizens of Zambia. To this date, Dunross & Co has helped to support over 10 000 children and youths over the last 10 years, which is a remarkable achievement.



# EDUCATION THROUGH FOOTBALL.

Chiparamba Sports Academy registered over 500 children between the ages of 6-14 participating in the first Water Sanitation/Hygiene Education and LIGI YATHU football games 2016. Thanks to FIFA through Football For Hope for supporting the project.







# Water Sanitation and Hygiene Project – *WASH* – takes another step for 2016.



In Zambia, more than one third of the population does not have access to clean water and more than half lacks access to proper sanitation facilities. Water and sanitation facilities in basic schools are generally poor.

For all children, unsafe water at school can lead to outbreaks of diseases such as diarrhoea, cholera, and dysentery. This also affects families as caregivers will have to stay at home to take care of sick children, which means time away from their jobs, thereby forfeiting precious income. It is essential that water and sanitation provision in schools be integrated with the provision of water and sanitation facilities in surrounding communities to ensure that the need for child labour (e.g. for water collection) does not prevent children, especially girls, from attending school. Open defecation still remains a problem in many parts of the country.

# THREE WAYS OF SUPPORTING CHIPARAMBA.

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## BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CHIPARAMBA FC, SWEDEN.

Chiparamba is supported by individual members of the Chiparamba FC. The membership fee is SEK 125/month (i.e. SEK 1500/year). For a family the membership fee is SEK 400/month (i.e. SEK 4800/year). To become a member: please visit <http://chiparambafc.com/>



## “RÄTT”: RESTAURANT BUSINESS SPONSORS OF CHIPARAMBA.

RÄTT is a concept aimed at restaurants, supporting Chiparamba. The participating restaurants donate the same amount that they charge for a daily special, every weekday – 52 weeks x 5 days per year.

Urban Deli, Nobis Group and Grodan jointly founded the concept RÄTT. They have made a common cause and support Chiparamba FC when this project is dear to them, not least because of the love of football. The driving force is the desire to promote the education of Zambian children, and at the same time enabling them to play football.



### INTERESTED IN JOINING RÄTT?

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