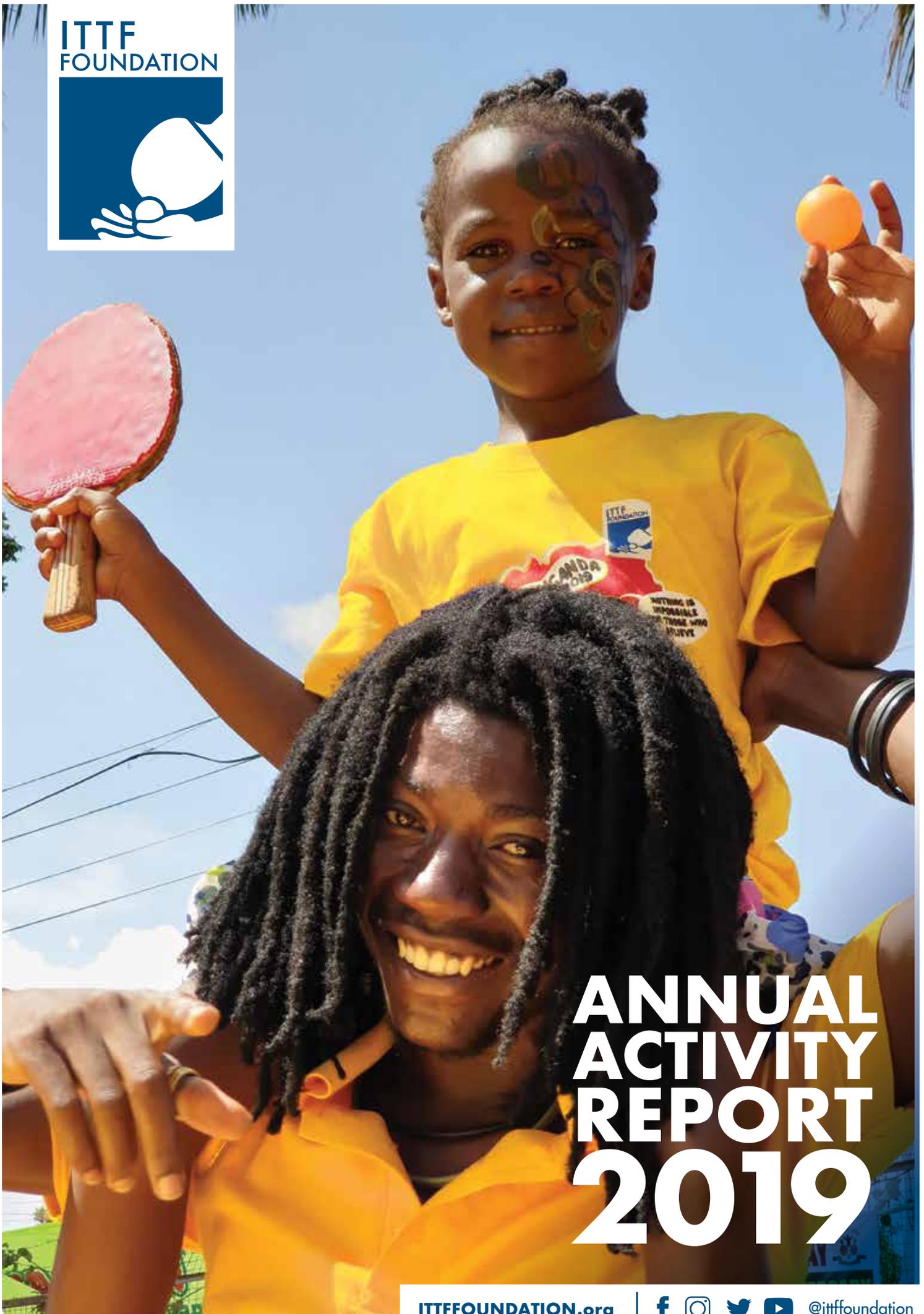


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Messages



Thomas Weikert
ITTF & ITTF Foundation
President

2019 has been an amazing and history-making year for table tennis on and off the court. The ITTF is spreading its wings in all areas. Thanks to the establishment of the ITTF Foundation and our high investment in its growth, we can proudly state that our commitment in Social Responsibility is leading within the International Sports Federations.

We guide and promote humanitarian projects around the globe, **creating positive social change and solidarity through table tennis**, including projects focussing on women and girls, people with a disability, socially deprived people and refugees. We use events such as the World Table Tennis Day to widen the positive social impact of our sport, attracting new players, notably on a grassroots level.

As a sports governing organisation present in all corners of the world, we, the ITTF, cannot close our eyes and we cannot limit our work to a mere sporting level. We must include the social component. Thanks to the ITTF Foundation we are able to reach areas such as health, development and peace.

The first ever celebrated ITTF Parkinson's World Table Tennis Championships were a historic moment and demonstrated the positive impact of table tennis on persons with mental and physical illnesses. The incredible atmosphere of joint hope was one of the most emotional moments of my personal 2019 and convinced me about the importance of investing in this area in the future. I am very happy with the progress made and I am grateful for the

awards we have received for our hard work.

We see it as **our obligation and wish to keep working towards more success** in 2020 and are thrilled about achieving our long-term aim to reach 75% of National Associations being active participants in World Table Tennis Day. Let's go ahead together!

Table Tennis. For All. For Life.



Leandro Olvech
ITTF Foundation Director

During our first year at our new headquarters we have been very productive. In order to boost our mission on the field and in the office spreading **"Solidarity through Table Tennis"** we expanded our staff by welcoming a Field Programmes Coordinator, a Marketing Manager and a Global Programmes and Operations Coordinator.

In 2019 we implemented many new projects and celebrated amazing highlights: The **TT Dream Building Fund (DBF)** was successfully established in January, making table tennis more than ever before not just a sport, but a tool for positive social change contributing to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs)! We finished 2019 supporting six DBF 2019 selected projects worldwide for 2-3 years focussing on the social and educational role of table tennis to improve different aspects

of people's lives. And we are about to choose more for the DBF in 2020.

After our headquarters were successfully opened, the ITTF Foundation was officially recognised by local authorities in March.

Celebrating our joy playing table tennis and kicking off one DBF 2019 project that we've been supporting since 2015, the main event of the **World Table Tennis Day 2019** took place at two locations in Uganda with Slum Ping Pong and HONECRIC. On this occasion we showed the inclusiveness, popularity and universality in the sense of not only focussing on capital cities, but on rural areas and slums as well. Thanks to the **Athletes Emergency Fund**, which is implemented in collaboration with the ITTF Athletes Commission, we can now support international players in cases of urgent need.

In September, with our steadily growing family, special guests, inhabitants and tourists we inaugurated our headquarters in Leipzig, Germany.

Kicking off our new programme **TT4Health in October**, the **ITTF Parkinson's World Table Tennis Championships** in Westchester (NY), USA, were not only a huge success, but we decided to make it a yearly event. At our DBF project in France, we are also constantly working with people with Alzheimer's Disease.

Our work with disadvantaged groups became even more fruitful in November **signing three pledges at UNHCR's first Global Refugee Forum** in Geneva, Switzerland. To highlight this, we keep on doing our work at the Za'atari Refugee Camp in Jordan, started expanding it at the Azraq Refugee Camp, Jordan, as well as beginning to reach the most disadvantaged groups: women and people with a disability.

We actively update interested people through our **new website itffoundation.org**. To be even more effective, we've launched our first own **donation campaign** at the ITTF Star Awards, so everyone from everywhere can support a specific project, a programme or our work in general.

A great honour for us and our work is the receipt of two awards: **Bronze at the Sports Business Award** for World Table Tennis Day in the category 'Best Sports Event of the Year – Overseas' as well as **Bronze at the SPIA Award** in the category 'Best Sports CSR Initiative' for our Dream Building project Table Tennis for NepALL.

I would like to thank all who believed in us along with our donors, partners and decision makers in general! This would not be possible without our highly motivated staff making our dreams reality. Thank you!

Table tennis is truly for everyone, everywhere!



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About *US*
ITTF FOUNDATION

+ Our Vision

We want to become a world leader & role model in positive social change through sport.

Our Mission

Using table tennis as a tool for development and peace by connecting people all over the world, implementing or supporting projects on the field and empowering them to serve as role models; making table tennis popular, universal and inclusive.



**Solidarity
Through
Table Tennis!**

Governing Board



The supreme body is legally responsible for the ITTF Foundation. It consists of between four and eight members, of which three are permanent ITTF positions ex officio, namely the ITTF President, the Chief Executive Officer and the Vice President in charge of Development. The fourth member is designated as the Managing Board Member (ITTF Foundation Director) and elected by the Governing Board members for a 2-year-term. The Governing Board determines the strategic direction, takes decisions and oversees the activities of the Foundation. It meets at least twice a year personally and is in regular contact via digital media the rest of the time.



Thomas WEIKERT

**President
ITTF President**

“Besides many successful projects - to mention as a key project the World Table Tennis Day - my highlight in 2019 was the first Parkinson’s World Championships in Westchester. It was impressive to see so many players having fun, realising at the same time that our sport is helping them physically and mentally to improve their health conditions. We are ready to go ahead.”



Steven DAINTON

**Governing Board Member
ITTF CEO**

“With table tennis being the best sport in the world, the Foundation is innovative and progressive using it as a resourceful tool in the world of sport for development.”



Bruce BURTON

**Governing Board Member
ITTF Vice President in charge
of Development**

“Now that we are firmly established, with key staff members in position, I believe that 2020 will bring increased awareness and recognition of the true potential of the Foundation. The team is well positioned to make a difference in the lives of so many who are in need.”



Leandro OLVECH

**Governing Board Member +
Director**

“The Foundation was born from the social and humanitarian activities of the ITTF with a wish to create a department purely focussed on table tennis for development and peace. It has been a natural progression within the organisation that stems as far back as the Ping Pong Diplomacy in the ‘70s or even earlier when the first ITTF President - Ivor Montagu - strived for solidarity by bringing the countries together. This is what makes the ITTF Foundation unique, compared to any other sporting foundation.”

Board of Trustees



Petra SÖRLING

**Chairperson
ITTF Vice President for
Finances**

I very much believe in sport as a tool for solidarity and friendship. The way we have now organised our ITTF Foundation as a separate entity will hopefully give us new partners in this very important work. In 2020, I expect the Foundation to enter the next phase. We now exist and it's time to deliver on all levels. I'm very confident that we have another exciting year in front of us for the ITTF Foundation and I'm proud to be part of it.



Nestor TENCA

**Trustee
ITTF Vice President in charge
of Ethics**

The value of the ITTF Foundation resides, comparing it with other foundations, in the ITTF's experience and, in fact, the Human Resources supporting, for years, programmes with high social and inclusive content. My 2020 expectation for the ITTF Foundation is to get the resources to finance programmes that allow table tennis to be the vehicle for improving social, sanitary and cultural conditions of the beneficiaries of these programmes.



The controlling body of the ITTF Foundation consists of at least two and no more than eight trustees. Two seats in the Board of Trustees are filled by the ITTF Vice President for Finances, ex officio, and the ITTF Vice President of the Ethics Commission, ex officio. The trustees elect a chairperson from their members for a 2-year-term.

The Board of Trustees advises to and supports the activities of the Governing Board. It supervises the Governing Board, decides on its reduction or expansion and reviews the annual accounts and the report on the fulfilment of the Foundation's mission. It meets at least once a year personally.

Our Ambassadors

Our ambassadors help us to create awareness for our cause. They were already linked to our concerns even before the idea of the ITTF Foundation was born. They represent us in a passionate way and keep the radar on for new ideas and networking.

Thank you...



...Sarah HANFFOU

- French / Cameroonian table tennis player
- Doctor in Public Law
- Member of the ITTF Athletes Commission
- Olympian in 2012
- Founder of the French non-governmental organisation "Ping Sans Frontières" (Ping without Borders) which aims to develop table tennis as an educational support globally
- ITTF Development established a partnership with "Ping Sans Frontières" in 2011

"The motto of the Foundation is not just a motto: it is a way of thinking, a way of implementing the project, a way of interacting with the partners."



...RYU Seung-min

- Korean table tennis player
- Bachelor of Sports Marketing and Master of Social Physical Education at Kyonggi University (Republic of Korea)
- Member of the International Olympic Committee
- President of the Korean Table Tennis Association
- Member of the ITTF Athletes Commission and ITTF Executive Committee
- Olympian in 2004, 2008 and 2012 and Olympic Gold Medalist in Athens 2004
- Athletes Role Model for the 3rd Youth Olympic Games in 2018

"For 2020 we have to inspire and engage more people in each of the 226 ITTF member countries to play table tennis and increase diversity in our beloved sport. At the same time we have to develop our funding model to increase our funding and reach."



Management Team



The daily operators work closely together with the Governing Board. They execute its decisions and also submit proposals. They are the ones behind the screens, on the phones or on Skype, and where necessary, they travel to meet you in person. The management team operates from their headquarters in Leipzig, Germany, a fast growing and vibrant international city. They exist not only to run the Foundation in the very best way, but also listen to you and share the reality of the world with the decision makers.

Don't hesitate to get in touch!



Leandro OLVECH
Director, full time since 2018
 Master in Sport Management / 11 years career within the ITTF, last position: Director of Development

"While I represent the ITTF Foundation globally and work on partnerships, I focus my daily work in the office on building up and leading a most professional and most passionate team. Decisions are there to be taken and will bring us forward."



Wiebke SCHEFFLER
Head of Operations, full time since 2018
 Graduate translator / 10 years freelance within ITTF Development, 15 years active volunteering in the non-profit sector

"I am the one behind the scenes, overseeing and arranging affairs, breaking through obstacles and smoothing the way for growth. I have an all-around view of what to do and where to go and strive for efficiency and quality. Multitasking is my strength."



Christian BELTER
Marketing Manager, full time since 2019
 Bachelor & Master in Business Administration / 17 years experience in the sport and marketing sector

"Every day I try to put myself into the shoes of our potential partners and donors. Then I find approaches and solutions to make our commitment and work even more interesting for them by showcasing how many excellent opportunities exist to contribute to social change with the help of table tennis - and that our Foundation is able to do that. I know, every single partnership helps us to intensify and enlarge our global initiatives and field projects. The more support we get from our partners, the more global reference projects we can realize."



Julia TAPPENDORF
Global Programmes and Operations Coordinator, full time since 2019
 Bachelor in Sports Science / Master in Sports and Nutrition / 1 year experience in the sport and development sector / 6 years active volunteering in the non-profit sector

*"During my first three months working with the ambitious ITTF Foundation family, I used my passion of sport for development and peace to think about and realize ways of contributing to the growth of activities worldwide, driven by the wish to **make the lives of people in need more fun and joyful**, while supporting the work in the background."*



Karine TEOW
Field Programmes Manager, full time since 2018
 Bachelor in Sports Management / Master in Peace, Conflict and Development / 7 years experience in the sport and development sector

"I use empathy to accompany the field projects in the best way possible. This year, the key for me has been considering 2 things: our vision and the beneficiaries of our work. I believe that understanding both, when developing a programme is key to finding the most effective solutions, identifying the right partners, causing no harm and building simple processes. Everyone can use their own gifts, to improve their local realities and have a significant impact."



Rowan FAJERMAN
Field Programmes Coordinator, full time since 2019
 Bachelor in Physical and Outdoor Education / Graduate Certificate in Sports Management / 3 years experience in the sport and development sector

"I hope to support local actors and projects achieve their objectives and have long lasting positive impacts in the community. I hope we inspire both the table tennis community and non-sporting sectors to use table tennis as a vehicle for development and to tackle social and humanitarian issues."



Romina CONCHA SEPÚLVEDA
Community Manager, part time since 2018
 Bachelor in Translation / Business Administration / 7 years experience in communication

*"In my everyday work, I try to **show the spirit of each project and programme through our social media channels** to reach people all around the world and to get them interacting with us."*

Organisational Chart



STAFF MATRIX

	 Leandro OLVECH Director Full time	 Wiebke SCHEFFLER Head of Operations Full time	 Karine TEOW Field Programmes Manager Full time	 Rowan FAJERMAN Field Programmes Coordinator Full time	 Christian BELTER Marketing Manager Full time	 Romina CONCHA SEPÚLVEDA Community Manager Part time	 Julia TAPPENDORF Global Programmes and Operations Coordinator Full time
TT4ALL							
DREAM BUILDING							
TT4HEALTH							
NETT WORKING							
PING PONG DIPLOMACY							
TT LEGACY							

Level of involvement



Throughout our first official year in the inaugurated headquarters, we could not have expanded our reach and encouraged that many people to follow our cause without all the little and big helping hands. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to everyone accompanying us on our journey with enthusiasm, determination, shared knowledge or any other kind of support.



Thank you...

... **ITTF Executive Committee** for the strong backing.

... **ITTF CEO Steve Dainton** for believing in the Foundation's mission and being the first to contribute to our very own donation campaign.

... **Our sponsors and donors** to trust us and take care of our people in need.

... **Our partners** and all those working daily and passionate on the field projects.

... **Agitos Foundation** for the grant support destined to our new project in Azraq Refugee Camp, Jordan.

... **Our ITTF Foundation Ambassadors** for representing us in the areas we don't reach on our own.

... **The Dream Building Fund Selection Panel and especially Georg Schlachtenberger** for selecting new projects with a great potential.

... **City of Leipzig, Sports Bureau and Sports Mayor Rosenthal** for giving us the opportunity to grow in Leipzig.

... **Romanian Table Tennis Association** for the support at the EU Sport Forum.

... **Our role model Ibrahim Hamadtou** for giving hope to so many children during World Table Tennis Day's main celebration in Uganda.

... **Our role models at the Headquarters Inauguration Aida Dahlen, Matilda Ekholm and Jens Greve** to have made this day even more special.

... **Sabine Brosowski**, consultant officer for the legal supervision of authorized foundations in Leipzig, for her open ear and constructive help during the request for recognition.

... **Christian Klas**, President of Leipzig Table Tennis Club "Leutzscher Füchse" and his team for the fruitful cooperation, notably the support of our Headquarters Inauguration Ceremony.

... **Daniel Eckert-Lindhammer**, Sports Science Faculty of Leipzig University, Administrative Managing Director for International Relations, for the fruitful cooperation.

... **Carolina Rosso**, ITTF Foundation Graphic Designer, for still surprising us with her wonderful creativity.

... **Our first interns Corentin Bonnégent and Jacqueline Njeri Kamande** for assisting us in our everyday work.

Our Partners

Partnerships and collaboration are crucial to achieve greater impact. Global challenges require joint solutions and no stakeholder can manage these challenges alone. In order to achieve our strategic aims in the most effective way, our focus is on establishing strategic partnerships. We are planning to widen our partnerships in the future, while we are more than thankful and delighted with the successful existing ones.

PEACE & SPORT

Monaco-based organisation aiming to build peaceful communities through the power of sport, and thereby create a safer, more equitable and inclusive world.

Official partner of the ITTF Foundation since: 2018

Joint projects in the past, 2009: Ping Pong Paz, COLOMBIA

2010: Ping Pong Ba Dame, EAST TIMOR

2011: Ping Pong Paix BURUNDI & CONGO DR

2011: "Peace and Sport Cup" Doha, Qatar

Since 2015: TT4ALL - "World Table Tennis Day"

Area of collaboration: TT Dreambuilding - "ITTF-Nittaku Dream Building with Refugees" Za'atari, Jordan



UNHCR

The UN Refugee Agency is a global organisation dedicated to saving lives, protecting rights and building a better future for refugees, forcibly displaced communities and stateless people.

Joint projects in the past: 2008: "ITTF-UNHCR Sport for the Refugees" Kharaz Refugee Camp, YEMEN

Area of collaboration: 2018: TT Dreambuilding - "ITTF-Nittaku Dream Building with Refugees" Za'atari, Jordan



The World TAEKWONDO Humanitarian Foundation

Swiss not-for profit foundation aiming to empower refugees and displaced persons worldwide by training them in the sport and martial art of taekwondo.

Partner since: 2018

Area of collaboration: "Dream Building with Refugees"



Petra Sörling looks at Thomas Weikert, shaking hands with City of Leipzig representative during the table tennis table donation to the City of Leipzig with motive of ITTF Foundation's Headquarters Inauguration in September 2019

Solidarity through Table Tennis on Social Media

708,000

Total publications on Facebook

431

Total Facebook posts

29,900

Likes on Instagram

483,000

Impressions on Twitter

743

Subscribers on Twitter

16,500

Views on YouTube

Total followers

13,187

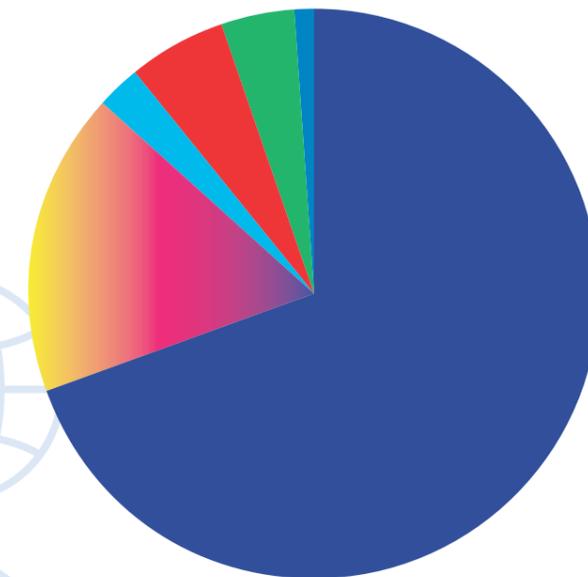
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1,049

752

208



78%

22%

Most popular topics
 Table Tennis for Everyone, Everywhere
 #TTDreamBuildingFund
 #MondayMotivation

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- ig** Best photos
- tw** Best news
- yt** Best videos
- envelope** Best tips for World Table Tennis Day
- in** Best networking



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ITTF FOUNDATION
Programmes
& projects

Programmes & Projects

Table tennis is an ideal sport to attract people of all ages, irrespective of gender, cultural and social background or physical ability. It is a very healthy leisure activity with multiple benefits, both for physical and mental health. At the same time, it is fun.

The ITTF Foundation works through **SIX PROGRAMMES** using these characteristics, not only to promote our sport and its benefits to a broad and diverse audience, also to foster development through the sport; this means using the sport as a method of attracting more people to play and working with them on different topics to improve their daily life.

While the programmes are strategic directions we move to, it's the **PROJECTS** and their participants giving them life. It is only thanks to the commitment of many people believing in a better world through table tennis that we can execute our projects and consequently reach the strategic aims of our programmes.



Supporting humanitarian projects using table tennis for positive social outcomes.



Making table tennis accessible to a broad public, including actively disadvantaged groups; popular, universal and inclusive.



Sharing the health benefits of table tennis on a social, mental and physical level.



Connecting volunteers and supporters with table tennis projects for development and peace.



Promoting a peaceful behavior among diverse individuals, groups, regions or nations through table tennis.



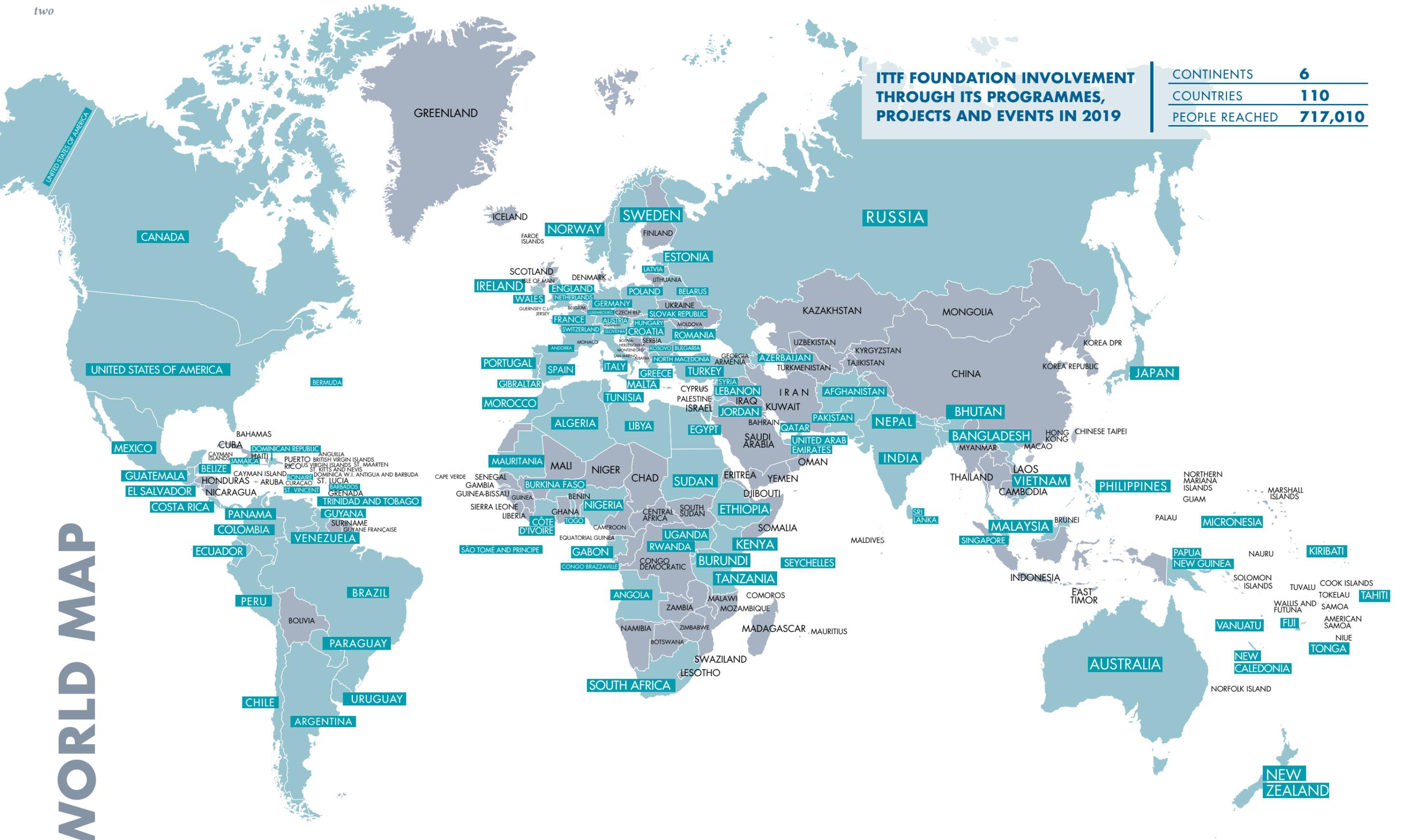
Leaving a positive social legacy of table tennis events in the host locations.

	What did we reach by 2019?	What do we strive to reach by 2020?	
TT DREAM BUILDING	9	10	humanitarian projects supported.
	1	5	best cases published through audio-visual and textual presentations.
TT4ALL	107	170	ITTF member countries and independent regions celebrated one or several World Table Tennis Day events.
	3	3	Guidelines or manuals added to the virtual library (Get Inspired) to ease the access to table tennis.
	100%	100%	more readers of the WTTD newsletter.
TT4HEALTH	1	At least 1	TT Fun Lab established.
	1	2	international events promoting TT4Health.
	1	Many	useful tips about the positive influence of table tennis on personal health.
	1	5	existing publications and good practices included in "Get Inspired".
PING PONG DIPLOMACY	1	1	Korean unified team plays as a one team during the ITTF World Tour.
	0	1	celebration of the 50th anniversary of Ping Pong Diplomacy in 2021 to be prepared.
TT LEGACY	1	2	ITTF and ITTF Foundation events.
	1	4	non ITTF related events included CSR and sharing of their experience with the ITTF Foundation.
	0	All	clear criteria established about what the ITTF Foundation expects from event organisers in terms of CSR of table tennis events.
NETWORKING	0	1	dynamic webpage created.
	0	at least 50	projects registered through the webpage.
	0	at least 50	volunteers registered.
	0	at least 20	projects benefitted from this initiative.

WORLD MAP

ITTF FOUNDATION INVOLVEMENT THROUGH ITS PROGRAMMES, PROJECTS AND EVENTS IN 2019

CONTINENTS	6
COUNTRIES	110
PEOPLE REACHED	717,010



TT DREAM BUILDING OVERVIEW



Aim:

Supporting and executing humanitarian projects using table tennis for positive social outcomes.

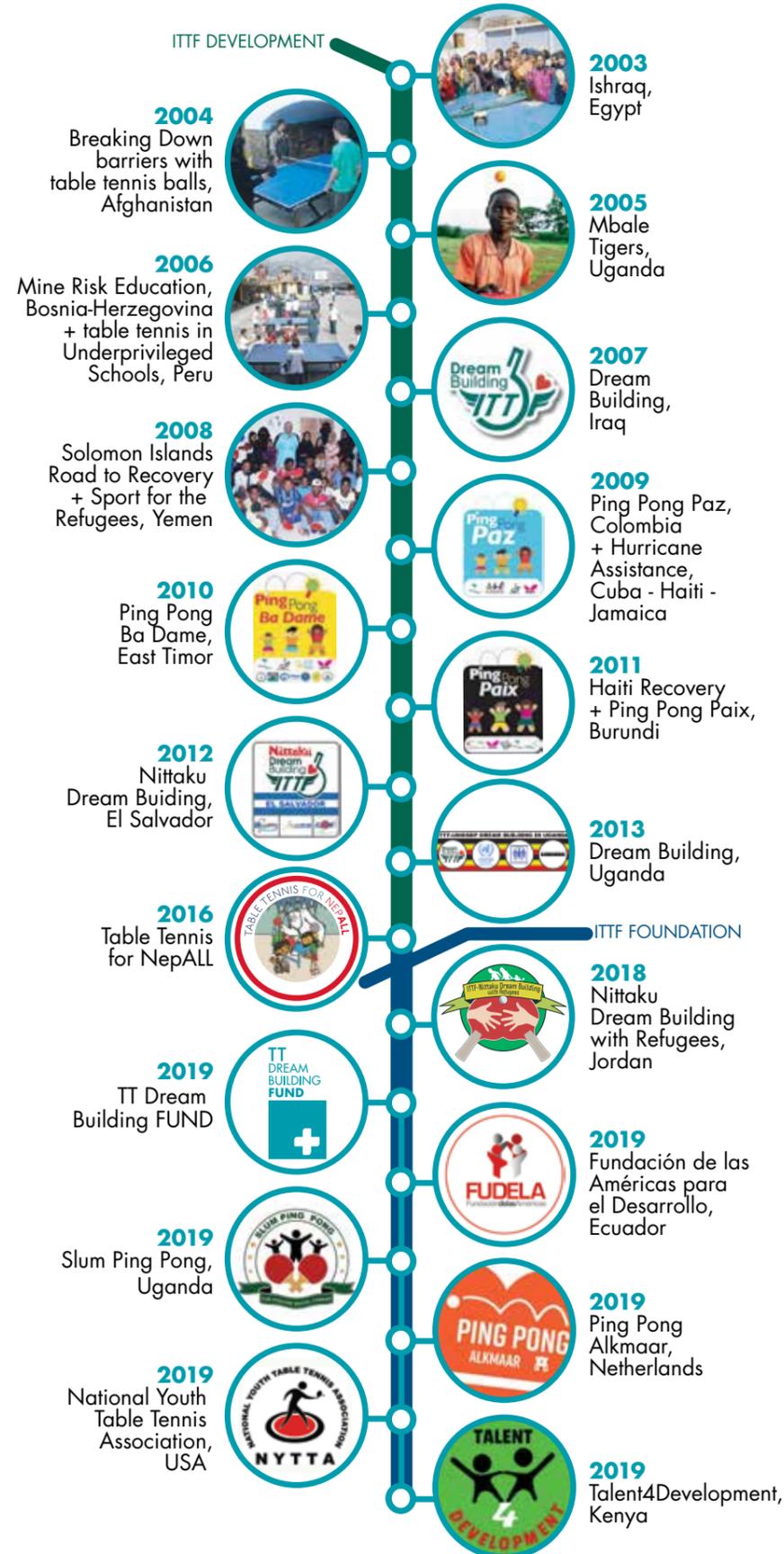
Objectives:

- + Clear application process
- + Clear selection criteria
- + Monitoring & evaluation
- + Exit strategy

Next Steps:

+ Launch the 3rd Dream Building Fund: A fund built to bring support to local humanitarian projects using table tennis for positive social outcomes in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs)

Dream Building Timeline



Highlights 2019

A total of 3200 participants reached in 2019

- 45% are females
- 4,5% have a disability

- Table Tennis for NepALL awarded Bronze in the SPIA Awards ASIA-Asia's Sport Industry Awards & Conference 2019 in the category 'Best Sports CSR Initiative'
- Successful applicant and recipient of the Agitos Foundation Grant Support Programme under the Special Projects category to implement the Dream Building with Refugees project in Azraq & Za'atari Refugee Camps, Jordan
- The first ever Dream Building Fund projects began with 6 projects across 4 continents commencing in July
- Extended support of HONECRIC with improved monitoring and evaluation process
- 2nd call for Dream Building Fund

Key outcomes by 2020

- 10 humanitarian projects
- 5 best practices

DREAM BUILDING FUND OVERVIEW



What is the Dream Building Fund?

The TT Dream Building Fund (DBF) is an ITTF Foundation annual call aiming to select projects it will support for a period of 2-3 years. The selected projects all identify a specific local issue they wish to transform, linked to one or more UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). All the projects supported through the Dream Building Fund focus

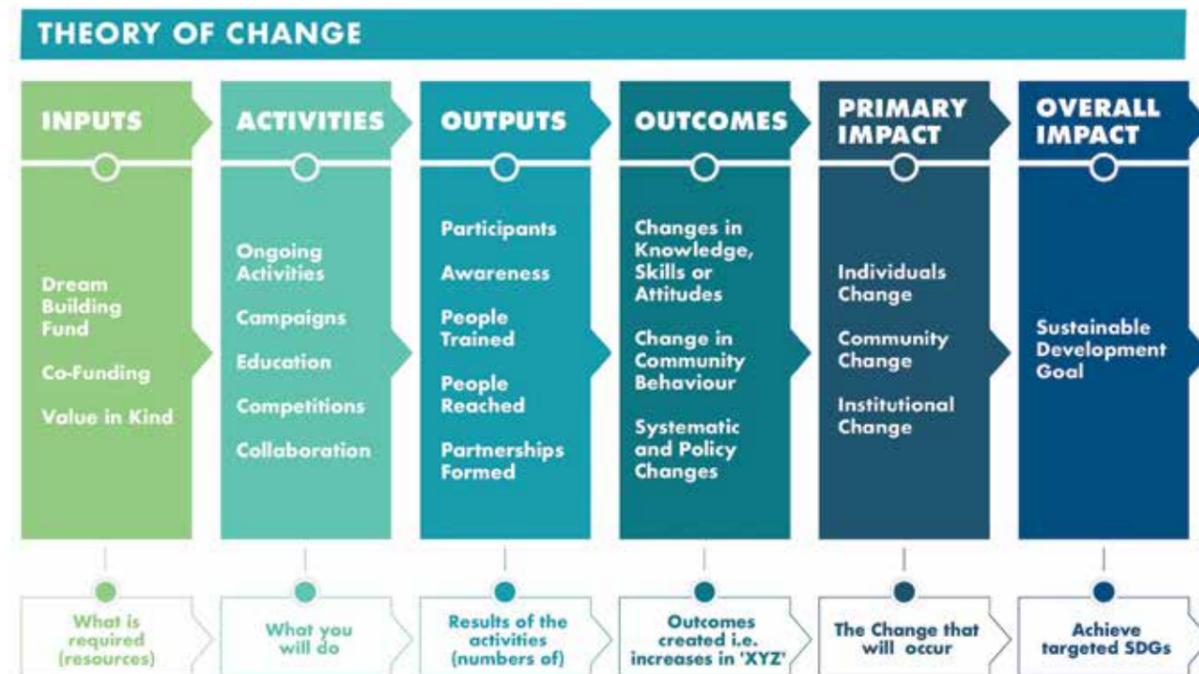
on the social and educational roles of table tennis as a tool to improve an aspect of human welfare in their local reality. The expected impact results for the beneficiaries of these projects are therefore not based on table tennis performance but rather on the improvement of a targeted aspect of their local reality through the use of table tennis.

Dream Building Approach

The Dream Building Fund is based on:

- The idea of partnership where every stakeholder contributes to the success of the project. The support of the Dream Building Fund is therefore not solely financial but includes value in kind support for resources, expertise, knowledge, equipment etc.

- Theory of Change; a methodology used for planning, participation and evaluation to promote social change. The project life cycle will therefore be based on the below model.

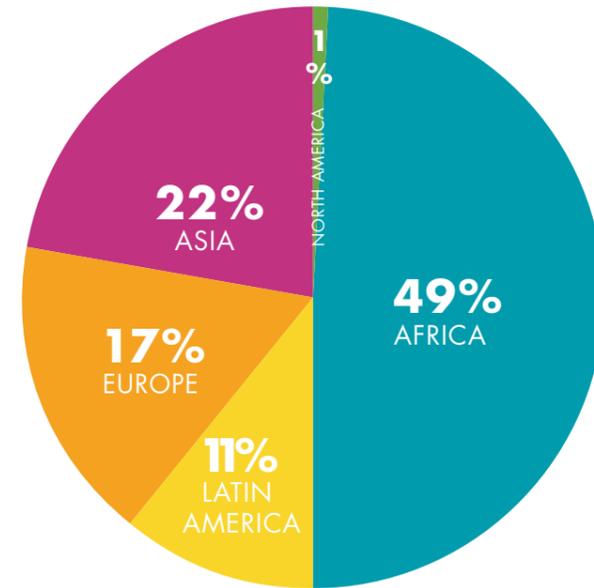


2019 results

THANK YOU TO ALL APPLICANTS

A total of **74 Applications** received
Emerging from a total of **31 Countries**

Stay tuned:
#DreamBuilding
Questions:
dreambuilding@foundation.ittf.com

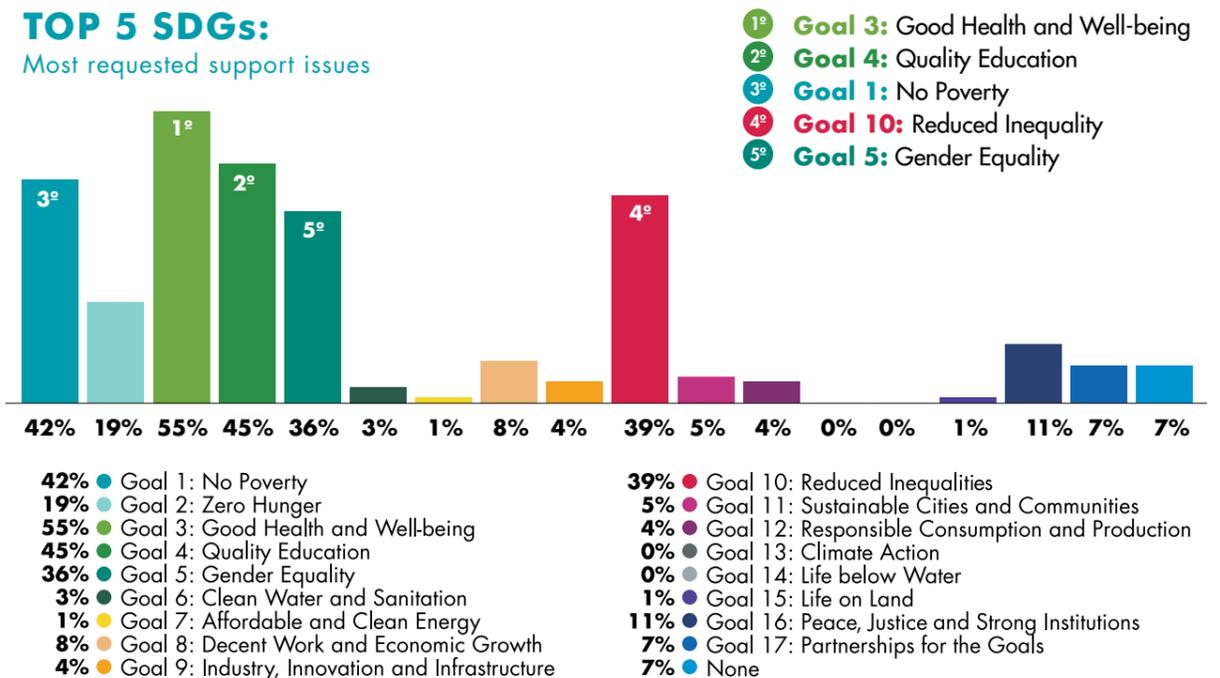


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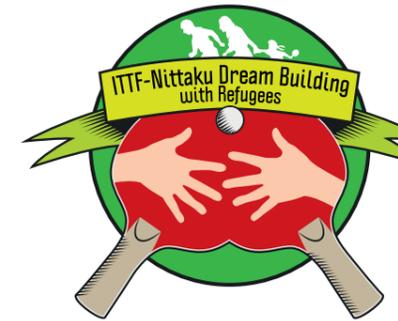
- 36 AFRICA
- 16 ASIA
- 13 EUROPE
- 8 LATIN AMERICA
- 1 NORTH AMERICA
- 0 OCEANIA

TOP 5 SDGs:

Most requested support issues



ITTF-Nittaku Dream Building with Refugees



The ITTF Foundation's TT Dream Building project operates in 5 of the 12 districts of the Za'atari Refugee Camp. The table tennis project activities have two aims: firstly, to use table tennis to promote individual and social change inside the Syrian Refugee community within the camp. Secondly, to increase cooperation and strengthen social cohesion between Syrian refugees and the Jordanian community through table tennis. To date more than 146 have attended the training sessions. From Sunday to Thursday, 2 coaches who passed

the ITTF Level 1 course, which was offered before starting the project, are coaching the boys in the morning and the girls in the afternoon.

This project is executed together with



Zaatari / JORDAN

5 Districts

146 children & youth trained / week

5 weekly training sessions

Ongoing since 03/2018

Total project costs: €75,000

Support 2019: €16,245

End of support: 04/2021

Local project partners:

- Peace and Sport
- UNHCR
- IRD (International Relief & Development)
- Questscope- IMC (International Medical Corps)
- Save the Children
- TIGER (These Inspiring Girls Enjoy Reading)

Sponsors:

- Nittaku
- The Foundation for Global Sports Development

Highlights 2019



Celebration of World Refugee Day June 2019

The event happened on April 4 in the afternoon. All children participating in the weekly project attended the event. The trophies and certificates for the Championships were provided by Peace and Sport. All the sport beneficiaries joined the celebrations which included a workshop, award ceremony and #WhiteCard activation.



Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Cup August 2019

During summer holidays, children in Za'atari took part in the Ping Pong Cup in Centre 9 coordinated by Peace and Sport, JICA and IRD. More than 30 boys took part. The competition provided much excitement in the lead up with each district training and preparing hard for the event. The event was staged over 3 days with qualifying rounds and the finals played on the last day.

Results 2019

- + 5 locations offer table tennis
- + 5 sessions per week
- + 146 kids
- + 1 inter-location tournament



Watch the video to find out more!



Challenges faced in 2019:

The project started with a small delay in equipment supply, which could be solved through the already demonstrated skills of improvisation within the camp. The hiring of a local coordinator presented several complications and was not finalised until late 2019.

What's next in 2020:

- + Organise activities outside the camp nearby Mafraq club
- + Female coach identified, ITTF Foundation to approve recruitment
- + Peace & Sport to develop methodology to transmit 'values education' through sporting activities and the 'My Coach' mobile app
- + Connect ITTF Education department to Peace & Sport regarding development of content for the app

TESTIMONIALS



Ahmad Abdulrahman Sulimmah
(15 years old, project participant)

"I have 5 siblings and my dad is a table tennis coach. I have practiced table tennis almost every day since last year. Thank you for your support and for giving me these chances. My dream is to become a professional table tennis player."



Abdulrahman Coach

"First of all, I would like to say thank you to all supporters. I started table tennis almost 16 years ago in Syria and thanks to these experiences, I can support children throughout this project here in Za'atari. You don't need a big team to play table tennis. It can be played by everyone, regardless of age or gender and even by persons with a disability. We can all enjoy together. That is why I love table tennis so much."

Table Tennis for NepALL

Para Table Tennis for Inclusion



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The ITTF Foundation's TT Dream Building "Table Tennis for NepALL" project aims to expand and promote table tennis offering weekly classes to people with a disability in underprivileged neighbourhoods.



Biratnagar, Dang, Pokhara and two centers in Kathmandu / NEPAL

An average of 160-170 children & youth trained / week

3-6 weekly training sessions

End of support: 01/2020

Total project costs: € 110,000

Implementing partner:

• All Nepal Table Tennis Association (ANTTA)

Local project partner:

• National Physical Disabled Table Tennis Association-Nepal (NPDTAN)

Highlights 2019



Bronze by **SPIA Awards** for being the **Best Sports CSR Initiative**.

Thanks to an increased government collaboration and additional international networking opportunities, para table tennis activities expanded, players attended national and international events and one female coach has been selected for a para table tennis pretraining camp to prepare for the Tokyo Paralympic Games 2020.

A novelty for Nepal: The first two National PTT classifiers were trained and approved.



Results 2019

- + Improved cooperation with local government and increased capacity to organise tournaments outside the capital city
- + 3 coaches participated in ITTF PTT Level 1 certified course
- + 2 youth para table tennis players participated in a one-week para youth camp in South Korea

Challenges faced in 2019:

Difficulties to find adequate accommodation and transportation for para players during several events outside the capital.

What's next in 2020:

- + Organise small events in every centre for World Table Tennis Day 2020
- + Organise an event for players who were not able to participate in the National Championship in Pokhara
- + Find a way to cooperate and coordinate with an organisation to support players travelling and participating in more international events
- + Diversify funding streams

Hoima Network of Child Rights Clubs (HONECRIC)

Reducing early school dropout rates and encouraging the inclusion of children with and without disabilities through table tennis in Hoima District.



The project operates in **Hoima, a rural area** in western Uganda. The project tackles three issues identified locally:

- Early school dropout rate: Children are either dropping out of school entirely (especially girls in order to get married) or many are just leaving earlier during the day.
- Lack of integration of children with a disability.
- Ethnical issues within the community.

Table tennis is being used to increase school attendance rates, as the children must attend school in order to take part in the programme. Social issues are also discussed with them and a positive message is as important as sport practice.

What's next in 2020:

- + Develop 'Exit Strategy' and diversify funding streams - explore opportunities for social enterprise model and commence in 2021 to become sustainable
- + More technical training in table tennis for volunteer coaches and teachers from targeted schools
- + Establish independent equipment sponsors
- + Develop strategy to support all 71 schools within the district and 4 community clubs

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Hoima / UGANDA

250 children & youth trained / week

Minimum 2 weekly training sessions depending on the school programme

9 primary schools and 3 secondary schools participated

Ongoing since 2013

Support 2019: € 4,485.85

End of support: 03/2020

Local project partners:
The Uganda Society for Disabled Children (USDC)
TackleAfrica / The Open Society Initiative for Eastern Africa (OSIEA) / Hoima District Local Government - Education department / Uganda Table Tennis Association (UTTA)

Challenges faced in 2019:

Limited resources to enable the activities to run smoothly, and the schools had difficulties providing a suitable room for table tennis.

Highlights 2019



As co-host of the World Table Tennis Day 2019 main celebration "Table tennis sport for all" in April 2019 aiming at bringing together children and persons with a disability through table tennis, many children from the project participated in games, music and traditional dances expressing a joyful life with or without disabilities.

Through the expansion of the school support from 6 up to 13 schools, the scope of reach increased and the aim to retain youth in school as well as to support them going to secondary school was achieved. A handover ceremony of equipment to the head teachers of the six new beneficiary schools (3 primary and 3 secondary schools) was conducted in September.

Results 2019

+ 300 players (185, 115) reached in 12 schools

+ 14 coaches (9, 5) participated a 3-day basic training for coaches

+ 13 schools involved (6 new primary schools and for the first time 3 secondary schools)

+ Hoima Open Table Tennis Championships at Duhaga Boys Primary Main Hall in November 2019

+ Agreement of terms for a partnership with school administrators and sports officers including a signed Memorandum of Understanding between HONECRIC and several schools



Tumusiime Mercy,
project participant

"Table tennis is an interesting game. It has helped me to go to an international school (St. Michael International School) which has also helped me to travel to Kenya and Tanzania for the 'all East African games' where we won in the girls category. I hope to travel to China this year."



Birungi Lloyd,
teacher,
project supervisor

"The presence of our role model Ibrahim encouraged so many children and persons with disabilities to improve their self-esteem. One of our children from Mpaia school who has a physical disability on one of his arms had been putting on a long-sleeved sweater throughout his life in public whether it was raining or sun shining. From that day he saw Ibrahim enjoying table tennis with no arms, he realised he was better, therefore had no fear anymore and vowed never to hide himself again."



Ayesiga Jimmy,
project participant

"I started playing table tennis in 2015. It has helped me to stay in school, and I have got friends from other schools. I hope to be an international table tennis player."

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Fundación de las Américas para el Desarrollo (FUDELA)

Partners of Americas – Points that Tackle Borders Project



Ecuador is currently experiencing an unprecedented migration flow of people fleeing from Colombia and Venezuela. According to Ecuador's International Affairs Office, more than 954,000 citizens from Venezuela entered Ecuador in 2018, leaving a great number of families facing exclusion, xenophobia and a lack of opportunities. As a result, regions located at the north of Ecuador present high levels of refugee

population including children and youth, most of them living in vulnerable conditions.

The project and successful 2019 TT Dream Building Fund Applicant

aims to use table tennis as a vehicle of change for youth and integration of Venezuelan and Colombian migrant and refugee populations with the Ecuadorian community in the North.

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Quito, Imbabura & Santo Domingo, ECUADOR

643 participants in 9 festivals and 12 workshops

5 weekly training sessions

Ongoing since 07/2019

Total project costs:
€ 44,000

Support 2019: € 15,500.00

End of support: 06/2021

Implementing partner:
FUDELA

Local project partner:
UNHCR

Check the original voices of testimonials on this radio:



Challenges faced in 2019:

Most materials in one school had to be adapted and only self-adjusting nets could be used on basic tables with limited space. In this border area, children and adolescents are exposed to problems like alcohol and drug abuse and early pregnancy. Through table tennis workshops, safe spaces could be created in an autonomous manner and more will be held.

Highlights 2019



Table tennis workshop in one of the most disadvantaged communities: Chical September 2019

Approximately 100 people from the indigenous "AWA" group attended, most of them had their first experience with a table tennis racket and this sport in general. In spite of being a border area with Colombia of difficult access and other problems, the happy faces of the beneficiaries were impressive.



Table tennis workshop in Scumbíos November 2019

150 children and adolescents came into contact with table tennis for the first time. Despite changing weather the workshop never stopped. Even after its end, both children and parents requested extra time to continue playing. After this initial activity, FUDELA's office, in cooperation with UNHCR, decided to acquire tables and other material to continue multiplying table tennis activities with new local groups.

What's next in 2020:

- + More opportunities for children and a wider reach for education
- + More than 75 young leaders trained in new skills to disseminate table tennis sessions to promote understanding; improved perception of the local population and improved integration between established and new residents

Results 2019

- + Memorandum of Understanding signed on 16/06/2019
- + Advocacy event at the national Assembly
- + Workshop with the national football league female champion 2019, Deportivo Cuenca
- + Methodological transfer with coaches in cooperation with the Secretary of Sport

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Marilay,
coach

"A 10-year-old participant from the Casa Aza orphanage has speech problems, little verbal pronunciation for his age and low motor coordination due to traumatic events relating to his mother's death and his father in prison. His responsible person has agreed with him that, if he treats himself with respect and follows the instructions in the table tennis workshops, he will continue to attend. Because he enjoys this sport so much, attends regularly and receives help from of facilitators and coaches, he handles the racket better and his behavior has made him win new friends."

"A Venezuelan 13-year-old girl has motor disabilities in both legs and arms. She used to be ignored because of her condition. Due to her resultant insecurity she could not play any sport. But in the performed work sessions she has managed to adapt easily when taking the racket and overcame the first obstacles, e.g. balance between cones. With this initial motivation, she continued the activity and acquired different table tennis skills. When her mother saw this accomplishment, she was crying with joy to see her daughter empowered in this way."

Slum Ping Pong



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Kampala, UGANDA

Over 200 children & youth training regularly

6 weekly training sessions

Ongoing since 07/2019

Total project costs:
€ 39,000.00

Support 2019:
€ 13,000.00

End of support: 06/2022

Local project partners:

- Police Children School
- Home of Joy Salvation Army School (home for children with disabilities)
- Railway Children Primary School

Since February 2017, Slum Ping Pong has been offering table tennis trainings 6 days a week to an average of 60 kids from the slums. It has managed to improve conditions for the children attending the training sessions through school holiday table tennis camps and organising tournaments. The project is not only about table tennis, they work to provide school fees and lunches when possible to children who

would otherwise not have access to education or food. They also add education on broader issues of drug abuse, equality, social awareness and tolerance.

The project and successful 2019 TT Dream Building Fund Applicant aims to use table tennis as a tool to reach 100 new slum children and integrate them in school and a life of opportunities.

Challenges faced in 2019:

Decreased budget by 15%, hence, the coach's allowances and Saturday lunches for the kids were reduced in order to keep widening the reach. Access and transportation issues to one of the training locations - Home of Joy - led to delayed training period.

Highlights 2019



Jinja Open - November 2019

It is a rare opportunity for the children to travel the 80 km from Kampala to Jinja for such an activity. 34 children (24 boys 10 girls all aged between 8-14) and 10 coaches (8 men and 2 women) took part at an event, which was more about bonding through the experience and less about the results.



Increase of local engagement

Tables are very expensive in Kampala and it is not necessary to have quality tables for beginners. They had to be cheap, lightweight and durable for outdoor use. Because of many participating children being under the age of 7, tables were hand crafted. Through engaging local carpenters and coaches over 2 days, the two TT2GO tables could be built slightly lower than normal in order to be used by smaller children.

Results 2019

+ Memorandum of Understanding signed with SPP on 12/06/2019

+ More than 1000 children reached in 150 sessions

+ Increased support from 2 up to 53 children to attend school through the School Fees Support initiative

+ Hosted World Table Tennis Day Main Event and Project Launch at Railways Primary School

+ Attended Jinja Open, St Teresa Open, Uganda Junior Open and Cadets Trials

+ Doubled social media reach and gained public attention through local and international media

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Mark Winter,
Director of
Slum Ping
Pong

"What initially impressed me was that SPP was operated by a group of young, financially very poor table tennis players for the benefit of children from even poorer slum backgrounds. SPP have never taken donations or support for granted and have always been honest, open and ready to discuss. The coaches and children are proud of being part of the Slum Ping Pong family, and so am I."

Ping Pong Alkmaar

Tafeltennis voor iedereen – Table tennis for everybody



The project tackles refugee integration and is working closely with the Alkmaar Council and local refugee support groups. The project works on the delivery of an extensive table tennis outreach programme with regular weekly inclusive evening sessions working with refugees living in and around Alkmaar, bringing together 'newcomers' and locals. Also, it provides refugees with tools for integration, a safe space to feel included, an opportunity to learn and improve, a social network, a regular time slot for interaction

and an opportunity to improve language skills.

The project and successful 2019 TT Dream Building Fund Applicant aims to provide table tennis activities for the whole community of Alkmaar (and around) with a focus on breaking down barriers and stereotypes of underrepresented people or groups, thereby rising above the myth of the 'unknown to encourage integration as a means of reducing inequalities.

Challenges faced in 2019:

Problems in reaching and motivating targeted participants due to the location. Services had been moved nearer to the living areas of refugee children to get them easier involved.

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Alkmaar, NETHERLANDS

100+ young people with and without refugee or immigrant backgrounds reached

2 weekly training session

Ongoing since 07/2019

Total project costs:
€ 18,000

Support 2019: €7,550.00

End of support: 06/2022

Implementing partner:
Ping Pong Alkmaar

Local project partners:
• Alkmaar City Sports Council 'Alkmaar Sport'
• Local Government Alkmaar Sports Department
• Dutch Table Tennis Association (NTTB)

Highlights 2019



Public recognition from the local council for the work making table tennis serve as a tool for integration, hence getting stronger and more accessible to all people. Project leader Mark Smith won the 'Heart for Sport' award for his outstanding commitment to the community through sport.



Provision of table tennis sessions to the dedicated classes in Alkmaar which exist for Alkmaar's youth with a refugee background. At least 60 pupils aged between 12 and 16 attended.

Results 2019

+ Memorandum of Understanding with Ping Pong Alkmaar signed on 12/06/2019

+ One-off session provided at schools for children with refugee background, encouraging them to come and visit community sessions

+ Increasing popularity of the sport because of many different targeted sessions, the outreach work and extra services offered to make table tennis in Alkmaar available for everybody

What's next in 2020:

- + Recruit volunteer coach through VCRA Alkmaar to support Wednesday sessions
- + Restart community sessions at Overdie Ontmoet in January 2020
- + Reconnect with refugee stakeholders and reach new stakeholders, partners and participants

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Rob,
teacher
Special
refugee
classes

"It is amazing to see the children engaging with the robots and play – some of them have never experienced technology like this before. We are thankful because table tennis is a fun way of bringing them together, it is nice to see them playing together. They don't have to use language, they just have to play."



Yusuf Noelle,
visitor to
community
session

"It is really nice that there are so many people from different backgrounds here!"

National Youth Table Tennis Association



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The National Youth Table Tennis Association (NYTTA) aims to work with twilight centres. Milwaukee Public School (MPS) minority students, and students not attracted to other sports, experience the benefits of engaging in table tennis such as increasing self-esteem and confidence especially for minority girls, learning a healthy lifestyle, respect and appreciation for diversity and different cultures and religions, teaching fairness and equality and good sportsmanship; and, gaining the rewards of cooperation and teamwork and hard work.

The project and successful 2019 TT Dream Building Fund Applicant aims to help young persons with or without a disability and with or without refugee or migrant background to improve their academic performance and enhance their economic potential as an adult.



Milwaukee, USA

480 + young people reached

2 weekly training session

Ongoing since 07/2019

**Total project costs:
€ 34,000**

Support 2019: € 6,500

**Implementing partner:
NYTTA**

**Local project partner:
Milwaukee Public School system**

Highlights 2019



Summer camps and school team table tennis competition increased student participation.



Good start at Milwaukee Public Schools Twilight Centers in offering a table tennis activity and providing constructive and healthy activities for at risk students in the evenings and weekends.

What's next in 2020:

- + Focus on continued outreach to schools to increase in number of school students playing table tennis
- + Students remain in school and increase in confidence and self-esteem (especially minority girls)
- + Two additional school competitions are scheduled in February

Results 2019

- + Memorandum of Understanding with NYTTA signed on 12/06/2019
- + Three summer training camps conducted
- + A table tennis interactive exhibition held at a major summer festival
- + Increased table tennis segments in school physical education classes and increased student participation in school table tennis competitions.

Challenges faced in 2019:

Available potential to get table tennis in the schools as a sport but a lot of time to outreach to the schools and students is required. Especially overcoming the school sport culture in the US is challenging and an added hurdle.

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Kirk Stimpert,
teacher at
Pewaukee High School

"Remember when Michael Jordan dropped 55 points in a game while having the flu? Wait. Were any of you even born then? Don't answer that. The point is, sometimes adversity breeds excellence. And Delenn, while sick and feverish produced one of the most prolific ping pong performances this club has ever seen! She dominated Week 12 with 5-0 record, beating the likes of Will, Alex, Djordje, Evan, and Logan. Then, when her team needed her the most, she won her round-robin group at the NYTTA Singles and Doubles Tournament! Way to go Delenn!"

Talent 4 Development

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The project started as a volunteer project in 2016 by introducing table tennis to schools in the third largest slum in Africa: Mathare. Thanks to the highly engaged Spanish Project Manager who moved to Nairobi in order to generate a change for slum children through table tennis, the project developed fast. Kids and youths receive access to table tennis and to education and get the potential to win a scholarship into school and grow into employability as a coach. The project targets girls and persons with disabilities specifically and plans to raise funds locally through local social tournaments.

The project and successful 2019 TT Dream Building Fund Applicant aims to find a sustainable solution to integrate and develop opportunities for slum children through table tennis, coaching and school education.

Challenges faced in 2019:

- Access to quality table tennis material in the region
- Commitment in the attendance to the training and mentoring sessions
- Delegating tasks and responsibilities.

Mathare, KENYA

Around 250 kids and youth reached

42 kids training 3 times or more per week

12 youth attending regularly coaching and mentor programmes

Ongoing since 07/2019

Total project costs:
€ 27,500

Support 2019: € 9,900

End of support: 06/2022

Implementing partner:
Talent4Development

Local project partners:

- Kenya Table Tennis for PWD
- Madrid Table Tennis Federations
- Spanish Table Tennis Federations
- Kick it Kenya (Sport Academy)

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Highlights 2019



Inauguration in July 2019

36 kids from 6 different schools around Mathare slum community obtained a participation certificate, and school material was given as a reward for performance, commitment and behaviour. The tournament also drew the attention of many youth (18-28 years) interested in joining the programme, learn the skills how to play and become future coaches by obtaining the level one coaching course, working towards their employability.



Team expansion

Former national Kenya team player with over 20 years of coaching and co-founder of City Stadium TT Club, Mr. John Ojiambo, joined the team. Humble, passionate and hardworking Ojiambo has played a big role increasing the level and commitment of all the players in the Academy. Helping also to establish other great collaborations with MYSA (Mathare Youth Sport Association), KTT for people with disabilities and Mpesa Foundation.

Results 2019

+ Memorandum of Understanding with Talent for Development signed on 18/06/2019

+ 3 big events held (World Table Tennis Day, Inauguration Tournament and Friendly match with MYSA Academy)

+ 2 large video productions developed

+ 14 international volunteers visited and supported the Academy

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What's next in 2020:

- + Formalize and strengthen strategy of both streams of T4D - education program for primary aged participants and mentoring program for youth volunteers
- + Education and training opportunities for youth volunteers – increase employability
- + Collaborate with disability organisations to provide opportunities for persons living with a disability through table tennis
- + Diversify funding streams and establish partnerships with 'equipment donors'
- + Identify and develop secondary school scholarship opportunities

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Joseph Owino,
26 years old,
head coach

"Since we started the programme my life has really changed, my mindset is different. I feel very motivated to work hard, to help all the kids in the Academy, improving and learning everyday to become a role model for them and other youths."



Mery Mwende,
28 years old,
head volunteer
and player

"When I found T4D it was like my dream came true. Now I have a second family and in the future I want to open my own table tennis academy to empower other young girls, help them achieve their dreams."

Levallois Sporting Club Tennis de Table



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The Ping4Alzheimers programme developed by Levallois Sporting Club Tennis de Table proves that table tennis is one of the most stimulating sports for the brain, that it can help to slow down the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and reduce a relapse of cancer by 50% as described by researchers. Thanks to the project, studies are pushed forward by putting it into practice and involving a physiotherapist and a psychologist. Specific sessions

such as one on balance to prevent falls are being developed. **The project and successful 2019 TT Dream Building Fund Applicant** aims to provide personalised programmes and create a supportive environment for family members and carers. This will provide a framework to develop Ping4Alzheimers educational tools and resources and make them available to all clubs in France.

Challenges faced in 2019:

- Miscommunication regarding Dream Building project
- Managing and balancing the heavy reporting requirements of the Fund
- Human resources - more staff and/or volunteers required to share the workload

Levallois, FRANCE

20 persons with Alzheimer trained every week

Ongoing since 12/2019

Total project costs:
€ 73,000

Support 2019: € 7,000

End of support: 06/2022

Implementing partner:
Levallois Sporting Club

Local project partners:
• France Alzheimer
• The Rafael Institute

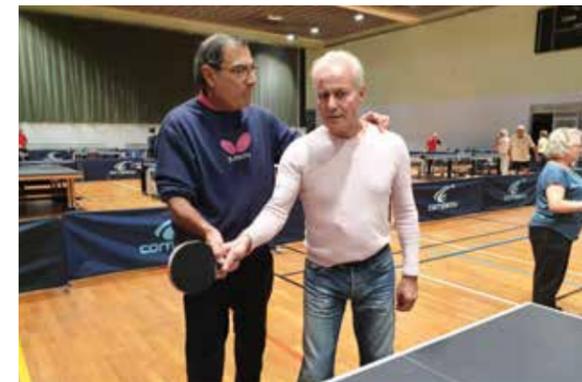


Highlights 2019



Regularity in training

Alzheimer's patients trust in specialized structures such as France Alzheimer and come twice a week to train table tennis. Their families are supporting the initiative.



Awareness campaigns

Thanks to the intervention at several conferences around Alzheimer's, awareness for the benefits of playing table tennis for Alzheimer's patients has been raised. The French Table Tennis Federation has joined forces with France Alzheimer in order to establish collaboration at national level.

What's next in 2020:

- + Support the national federation in developing the programme in other clubs; especially in a sustainable way
- + Continue to regularly develop the health sport groups at the local level

Results 2019

+ Memorandum of Understanding with Levallois Sporting Club signed on 09/11/2019

+ Successful awareness campaign, 5 publications in French Media:

- www.mmmieux.fr/les-bienfaits-du-ping-pong-sur-les-maladies-d-alzheimer-et-de-parkinson
- www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ou8N8n5-d-c
- www.francealzheimer.org/jeu-set-et-match/
- troisdauphins.fr/jouer-au-tennis-de-table-fait-travailler-votre-cerveau/
- www.programme-tv.net/programme/culture-infos/r1549462643-matiere-grise/16574543-comment-devenir-un-champion/

+ Collaboration agreement signed with day care for elderly in Levallois (L'OASIS)

+ French Alzheimer Foundation (Fondation Médéric Alzheimer), 1st prize won in the category "Propose adapted physical or sportive activities for persons with cognitive disorders"



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Laurent, 42 years old, Alzheimer's patient

"It's very beneficial, I am progressing and it makes me happy. At home I do the same balance exercises and my daughter does them with me."

Nicole, Laurent's mother

"Laurent did not want to come at the start because he did not want to be in contact with other patients. Especially those who are much older. He came to try once, and has been impatiently waiting for ping pong ever since. When he plays he forgets the illness and I notice he is much more relaxed. It's all a big benefit."

TT4ALL OVERVIEW



Aim:

All kinds of initiatives attracting more people to table tennis, including not only masses, but focussing on how to include different kinds of people in terms of age, gender, social status, culture and physical ability.

Objectives:

- + Attract people to play table tennis on a grassroots level;
- + Promote the health and social benefits of table tennis;
- + Increase awareness of table tennis;
- + Create a sense of belonging in the worldwide table tennis family among participating table tennis enthusiasts;
- + Promote creativity in table tennis.

Key Outcomes by 2020:

- + 75% of all countries and independent regions hosted one or several World Table Tennis Day events;
- + 3 more guidelines or manuals added to the virtual library (Get Inspired), easing the access to table tennis;
- + The number of readers of the WTTD newsletter doubled;
- + At least 1 TT Fun Lab established.

World Table Tennis Day



Each year on APRIL 6, we celebrate and share our passion for TABLE TENNIS. We invite all table tennis lovers to celebrate this day with us. It's about grabbing our rackets, going into our community and having fun with others. It's about infecting more

and more people with the table tennis virus. The next World Table Tennis Day is coming soon, let's celebrate together! Spread the word and register your event NOW to be part of our continually growing family!



The year of the World Table Tennis Day:

Registration process	Evaluation
<p>Jan Feb Mar APRIL May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec</p> <p>Active promotion through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Media • Newsletter • Press releases <p>Online support through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emails • Newsletter • Toolkit • Free and editable promotional material 	<p>6</p> <p>World Table Tennis Day Celebrations</p> <p>Thousands of people celebrates table tennis for everyone, everywhere.</p> <p>1 ITTF Foundation Main Event</p>



Table Tennis for Everyone, Everywhere!

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Highlights 2019

700,000 PLAYERS
922 EVENTS
107 COUNTRIES

April 6, 2019 was about strength and inspiration of diversity. The ITTF Foundation decided to celebrate World Table Tennis Day's main event with two ongoing projects in UGANDA: HONECRIC in rural Hoima and SLUM PING PONG in the urban capital city Kampala. Everywhere, organisers became more creative and set many examples of HOW TABLE TENNIS CAN BE MADE ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE.

FEATURED TOPICS INCLUDED the reach of minority groups along with the promotion of positive social and individual change. All in all, more than 700,000 PERSONS enjoyed playing our beloved sport on April 6, 2019!

FAVOURITE LOCATIONS were schools, table tennis club and NGO venues, parks, clubs, stadiums and shopping malls. Surely, table tennis was the talk of the town in many cities!



Development of WTTD 2015 - 2019

It is much more than just one more of those "international days ..." We do not only send a text message greeting to our teammates wishing a "Happy World Table Tennis Day". Yes, we grab our rackets and play, but we do even much more and achieve a very noble aim. We attract others to our amazing sport, particularly those who maybe would have never tried without our kind invitation. Everyone celebrates in his or her own way, but there is one very common factor throughout it all: FUN! Since 2015, old and young, fancy and old fashioned, elite and amateurs come together on **April 6** to enjoy playing table tennis, being one big community and sharing knowledge, healthy and peaceful behaviour, materials, and much more.



World Table Tennis Day is growing from year to year. Worldwide, events were celebrated small and big, funny and serious, ordinary and extraordinary, outside and inside, including celebrations at iconic places, on beaches, in parks, in shopping malls and of course at all kinds of table tennis venues. **Every year the ITTF Foundation organises one main event.** With very different scenarios, different continents are covered with a varying focus. Between 2015 and 2019, we celebrated table tennis in the main street of Argentina's capital Buenos Aires, inaugurated the TT4NepALL project in Kathmandu together with para players, showed the world the simplicity of adapted sports at the UN Headquarters in New York and the SportAccord Convention in Denmark, played with refugees in the Za'atari Camp at the Jordan border with Syria and practiced with kids at two projects in Uganda encouraging school attendance and giving hope.

Year	Countries	Events	Participants	Main event
2019	107	922	700,000	Hoima & Kampala, UGANDA
2018	97	579	93,000	Za'atari, JORDAN
2017	93	453	90,000	New York City, USA & Aarhus, DENMARK
2016	83	196	47,000	Kathmandu, NEPAL
2015	70	158	63,000	Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA

WTTD
2015 - 2019

- 5 years
- 2308 events
- 160 countries
- Almost 1 million players



Check the video to see what WTTD 2019 was like.

TT Fun Lab



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The TT Fun Lab shows all the fun sides of table tennis and unites people including disadvantaged groups, such as persons with a disability, refugees or socially disadvantaged youths. Players get the possibility to play on different tables, with different materials, alone against a robot or together. It is a space where the whole family has fun. The TT Fun Lab aims to ease access to table tennis for ALL, focussing on disadvantaged groups and families.

Results 2019

+ Involvement of the local table tennis community

+ 2 players recruited for a local table tennis club

Leipzig, GERMANY

Over 250 new players reached

Pilot project

06/2019 – 09/2019

Total project costs: € 2,702.72

Support 2019: € 2,702.72

Implementing partner:
Caracán

Challenges faced in 2019:

Weather conditions were not ideal for outdoor activities and participation declined during the school summer holidays.

Highlights 2019



Inauguration

Over 100 people gathered on a sunny Sunday afternoon to experience a mixture of table tennis, culture and gastronomy. Mostly children and their parents participated in a rally of 10 different stations to test the offered activities and enjoy the sport and togetherness.



Reaching different locations and target groups

The TT Fun Lab concept is not limited to one specific location and was, for example, also practiced at the festival "diversity without borders", a repeating event focussing the exchange with nonverbal communication through music, dance and sport to promote the integration of migrant and refugee population.

What's next in 2020:

+ Table tennis equipment is available for free play at future TT Fun Labs in Leipzig
+ Specific TT Fun Lab activities will there be provided upon request and are not limited to established location within Leipzig



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Jorge, coach

"The Fun Lab zooms in the playful and creative sides of table tennis, while most clubs focus on competition and raising the level of play of their athletes. Germany offers many outdoor table tennis tables, where people play in parks or at other locations. The Fun Lab unites both professional and amateur players and is great for integrating young children into table tennis."



Charlotte and Sophia, 6 years old

First experience with table tennis "We painted, played with many kind of balls and danced. A really fun day!"

TT4HEALTH OVERVIEW



ITTF Parkinson's World Table Tennis Championships

The first ever ITTF Parkinson's World Table Tennis Championships (PWTTTC) was a pilot project taking place in New York, USA. Players with Parkinson's Disease, family members and the public in general were encouraged to join the worldwide tournament. The project aims mainly at raising awareness for the positive benefits of playing table tennis for people with Parkinson's. Additionally, on providing networking opportunities for the persons diagnosed with it to build their social network and exchange ideas and experience.

Pleasantville, New York, USA

61 athletes representing 12 countries

Pilot project

11-13 October 2019

Total project costs € 22,202.34

Support 2019: € 19,840.60

Implementing partner:
Ping Pong Parkinson

Local project partners and sponsors:

- Stag
- Butterfly
- Acorda
- World Peace in One Hour
- Delmonicos



Aim:

Promote an infinite number of health benefits on a social, mental and physical level to change people's body and mind through table tennis.

Objectives:

- + Present table tennis as a part of a sustainable healthy lifestyle
- + Use table tennis events to increase the awareness of possibilities for people with a disease

Next Steps:

- + Clear criteria established about what the ITTF Foundation expects from table tennis-based education programmes for health education
- + Prepare the 2nd ITTF Parkinson's World Table Tennis Championships in Germany in 2020

Impressions 2019



PWTTTC is more than a tournament: players and their families came to meet, train, compete and learn from each other. This unique, eagerly anticipated and historic project showed an amazing spirit among the players; the hugs, smiles, music making, high fives and sweat showed that it was community at its best. Everyone went home with a big portion of unified hope and ideas to better promote the effects of table tennis for people with Parkinson's.

What's next in 2020:

- + Apply learning experiences
- + 2nd PWTTTC preparation and execution



Challenges faced in 2019:

Giving the responsibility of the organisation of a small WTTTC to people without former experience has been challenging and exciting at the same time. In order to get an overview of the results from different perspectives, a participants' survey has been distributed with a 62% response rate. Later on, it was taken into account to prepare for the upcoming events.

Results 2019

- + Great impact on the global Parkinson's community and on the media, which usually does not cover sports at all
- + Different persons with a variety of Parkinson's symptoms from various countries worldwide participated
- + Final decision to make it a yearly event

Watch the video to see what happened!



TT LEGACY OVERVIEW



BUENOS AIRES - TOKYO

Bridging the Olympic Games



The first ITTF Foundation's TT Legacy project took the Youth Olympic Games 2018 to demonstrate how sports events can leave a social legacy in host locations. Six locations within the most southerly country of the world were looking for opportunities to engage children and youth from different social backgrounds, including those with disabilities or living in or close to one of the many Japanese communities, as well as those living in rural areas. For 2 years, those children and youth received 2 weekly table tennis training sessions and education in values. The social part played an active role in the project and participants shared their experiences with their relatives.

Buenos Aires, Misiones / ARGENTINA

252 children & young people trained every week

9 weekly training sessions

Ongoing since 03/2018

End of support: 12/2019

Total project costs: € 97,234.00

Support 2019: € 28.450.10

Local project partner: Argentina Table Tennis Federation (FATM)

Aim:

Table tennis event organisers are aware of their social responsibility and include solidarity as part of events.

Objectives:

- + Incorporate CSR as a mandatory part of the bidding process for main ITTF events;
- + Invite other event organisers to incorporate CSR into their table tennis events

Next Steps:

- + Clear criteria established about what the ITTF Foundation expects from event organisers in terms of CSR of table tennis events
- + Exit strategy for the Buenos Aires - Tokyo project in Buenos Aires, Argentina



Highlights 2019

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Buenos Aires Grand Prix June 2019

with participation of players from the primary school and one Japanese community



FATEMA Tournaments

Players with disabilities participated in tournaments organized by the Argentina Table Tennis Federation for Players with a Adapted Needs.

Results 2019

- + Regular table tennis sessions in 6 different locations
- + 15 doubles tournaments mixing project participants with siblings / friends
- + Continuity of the project in 5 locations assured
- + Participation in not project related tournaments:
 - Visit to the table tennis venue and high level matches at the YOG
 - Japanese Association Florencio Varela: 13
 - Japanese Association Sarmiento: 16
 - School in Misiones: 11
 - Secondary school: 1

What's next in 2020:

- + After the official end to the project in 2019, training sessions will continue in 5 different locations thanks to local support and high commitment of coaches and authorities
- + Closing festival with participation of players from all locations changed its concept to "new start festival" and marked the continuation of the project

The ITTF Foundation wishes all the best and will of course keep guiding and promoting the project whenever possible!

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Karen Precioso,
project participant

"I have participated in the project for two years now. Table tennis is a very nice sport and I've learned to play, but the sport also helps me to be more independent, to clear my head, and day by day I learn something new. The coaches are always attentive to us. For 2020 I hope to continue participating in the sessions and tournaments. I want to continue playing and participating in all the related activities."



Soledad Tenzi,
local project leader

"I hope that in 2020 and the following years the project will not only continue but also grow, increase the number of players and activities and that interested players will find in this practice the interest to continue participating in the tournaments as well as enjoy each class."



Cecilia Varela,
coach for players with a disability

"We saw a lot of development and growth in both conventional and adapted table tennis during the last two years. I wish that the players of the project continue with that great interest in the sport and that they keep training with constancy and positive energy. I hope that the links they have formed can be consolidated in a true friendship between them."

Thank you for a wonderful project and lots of new experiences gained which will help to optimize future TT Legacy projects!!

PING PONG DIPLOMACY OVERVIEW

PING PONG
DIPLOMACY



Aim:

To use table tennis as a peace bringing sport with a conflict resolution potential.

Objectives:

- + Present table tennis as a peace bringing sport
- + Present the ITTF Foundation as an active geopolitical actor

Next Steps:

- + Prepare the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Ping Pong Diplomacy in 2021
- + Continue our ongoing work with the refugee population at the Za'atari and Azraq Refugee Camps in Jordan, Ping Pong Alkmaar in the Netherlands and FUDELA in Ecuador

Highlights 2019

United Nations Global Refugee Forum

**16 - 18 December 2019
in Geneva,
SWITZERLAND**

The UN Refugee Agency, the Olympic Refugee Foundation and the International Olympic Committee encouraged the ITTF Foundation to join the initiative of making the world a peaceful as well as a better place for refugees through sport. Together with over 80 major sport organisations, the following three pledges have been signed:

- 1.** To promote and ensure access for all refugees, without distinction of any kind, to safe and inclusive sporting facilities.
- 2.** To increase availability and access to organised sports and sport-based initiatives for refugee and hosting communities, actively considering age, gender, ability and other diversity needs.
- 3.** To promote and facilitate equal access to and participation of refugees in sporting events and competitions at all levels.



World Taekwondo, Peace and Sport and ITTF Foundation representatives together at the Global Refugee Forum in Geneva, Switzerland.



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What's
ITTF FOUNDATION
next?

ITTF High Performance & Development

ITTF High Performance & Development aims at promoting and developing table tennis in all the National Associations worldwide, from grassroots to a high performance level providing opportunities for education, training and overall growth. Players, coaches, match officials, administrators are empowered and guided to achieve greatness in table tennis.

Key points:

- Upgrade of the ITTF Athlete Development Model that includes an expansion of training opportunities in high level practise environments.
- Enriched Continental Development Programmes, regulated by Memorandums of Understanding with all continents, that are based on needs and realities of the different stakeholders, National Associations, regions and continents, with a clear and direct access to global High Performance initiatives.
- Progressive implementation of a comprehensive and accessible to all ITTF Education Matrix featuring blended learning system for a vast range of profiles present within the sport.



First ITTF HPD & ITTF Foundation Team Meeting 2-3 November 2019 Gdansk, POLAND

Results 2019:

- + Joint promotion and support of...
 - World Table Tennis Day
 - Dream Building projects
 ...through HPD Continental Managers
- + Collaboration in promoting opportunities for women in table tennis across all levels of the sport - administrators, participants, coaches, staff, umpires etc.
- + HPD staff to be trained on "Building Handcrafted Table Tennis Tables", the ITTF Foundation project executed by French NGO Ping Sans Frontières
- + Foster that HPD training camps and activities leave positive social legacies



Outlook 2020



Note: This outlook was prepared before Covid-19 became a global pandemic.



ITTF FOUNDATION CALL FOR ACTION

Get involved!



Find yourself in one of the many ways to involve with the ITTF Foundation.

Get active:

- Become a World Table Tennis Day Ambassador. Spread the word and organise your own event on April 6.
- Create your own Dream Building Project and apply for funds.
- Connect with projects in need or anybody wishing to help through our NeTworking programme (to be launched soon).

Share your knowledge with us:

- Share examples of how you and your community promote healthy lifestyles, use table tennis for positive social outcomes, leave positive legacies of your table tennis events and live table tennis for ALL.

Support us financially:

- **Sponsorships**
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- **Donations**
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