Capacity Development: Quality Assurance System Athletics for Development (A4D) in Uganda

The learning experiences from other countries have shown that a 3-5 day workshop on a sport for development method is a good period where some coaches manage to implement the newly learned methods. However, the transfer of gained knowledge and abilities into a working context is the most difficult step and coaches might encounter on-site challenges that require *mentorship* by instructors.

Therefore, it is suggested to put in place a *quality assurance system* with different components (see below). Following the <u>Guideline Ensuring Quality Education in S4D</u>, the aim is to make sure that the learned methods get implemented in the trainings with the children and youth in a good quality. The suggested system is not fixed: it depends on the feedback of all involved parties and also on components of M&E to learn what works best in the context of A4D in Uganda.

The following steps should be fulfilled in the A4D <u>CD process on Individual Level</u>:

LEVEL I: A4D Basic Workshop Follow approved Agenda Before the start of the course a pre questionnaire should be filled out by the participants Tool: <u>PRE Questionnaire</u> Training lead by two A4D Instructors (supervised by lead instructors) 3-4 days practical and theoretical session (full attendance necessary) Tool: <u>Attendance sheet for workshops</u> Development of an implementation plan per coach/ teacher Post-Workshop Questionnaire to be filled out after course Tool: POST Questionnaire

Certificate of Attendance after coaching course

Implementation Phase of A4D Coach

- At least two A4D sessions per week
 - o Template Planning and Reviewing Sheet for S4D Training Sessions
- With at least 30 participating children and youth per session
 - Example Tool: <u>Attendance Sheet Children & Youth</u> (others available)

Coaching Observation

- Visit during a training session at least once within the first 3 months of implementation by one of the instructors who also trained the coach/ teacher
 - Tool: Follow-up observation and interview
 - o Guideline for Instructors: <u>How to perform Follow-up Coaching Visits</u>

Level II: A4D Completion Training Advanced Workshop

- After 3-5 months of Basic Training (Level I)
- Lead by one or two instructors
- Combination of a recap of the basic training, sharing of experiences as well as a new topic (e.g. in the beginning this could be how to work with the digital version of the A4D manual)
- Only at the end of this training and if all other steps have been fulfilled participant would get "completion certificate"
 - Tool: Focus Group Discussion with coaches (example Pal. Territories)

Additionally A4D events should be provided:

Events (A4D clubs and festivals)

- Coaches should be encouraged to form A4D clubs in school, community
- Festivals should be organized to bring children and youth together on common thematic areas.
 - o Guideline: Systems to Organize Tournaments