

**INFORMATION SHEET NO 3****What is UBABALO eAFRICA?**www.ubabalo2010.com

With the proliferation of Global Community Games (KidsGames, TeenGames, Edge Games and Family Games) across the world, the local church has taken unprecedented steps in partnering to reach out to millions of children and youths. With numerous faith commitments taking place at each GCG event, the local church in the developing world is facing a huge responsibility of **providing sustainable discipleship to new believers**. This is due to shortage of leaders, training and materials. It is within this context that discipleship strategies like Ubabalo eAfrica and Max7 have emerged.

Ubabalo eAfrica is a sport-based discipleship concept that uses soccer as a microcosm of life to instil sound life values. This is the key to "paradigm shift" soccer coaching into whole life coaching. **Each soccer skill is related to a biblical value which is taught as part of the bi-weekly soccer training.** A comprehensive curriculum will be used to present a holistic coaching experience, both for the coach and his players.

Ubabalo is designed to accomplish evangelism and Christ-centred discipleship for youth who rather than become poor role models, **become mentors and servants to children in KidsGames and to society.**

Local church partnerships are at the centre of this program. We facilitate a process in which the church moves outside her walls – to take 'Sunday School / Youth Fellowship' to the soccer fields – and to become a change agent in society, partners with other churches to unite the body of Christ in a shared pursuit, turns its attention to the youth to ensure the future growth of the Kingdom of God in Africa and beyond, and grasps the opportunity to effectively disciple the youth through the avenues that a value-based soccer program creates. As African youth are crazy about **soccer** and spend significant amount of time in the sport fields, therein lies **the best platform for relational evangelism and discipleship** to take place.

The goal is to identify, establish and provide on-going whole life coaching training to 75,000 soccer coaches across Africa by 2012. All coaches are taken through a **5-year discipleship and leadership training** through which they become whole life coaches. Through the training, they become well disciplined leaders in their churches and community.

As the world is being treated to a spectacular festival of soccer in 2010, the dream is to see a continent experience a moral regeneration through a value-based whole life coaching program and celebrate a renaissance of leadership – 1.3 million dynamic future leaders, whose impact will be felt across the continent long after the completion of 2010 FIFA World Cup™.

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