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FC Union junior team from Nijmegen in The Netherlands, NCDO and KNVB Club-linking Program (<http://www.clublinking.nl/>) visited Kisumu on January, 7th and 8th, 2014. During their stay in Kisumu, the team consisting of 24 members was hosted by Kisumu Youth Football Association, KYFA, a local youth sport for development organization.

School visits on January, 7th afternoon

As an implementing partner of Football for Water project in Kisumu County, KYFA coordinated visits by the visitors to four local schools in the Football for Water project. Two of the schools visited, Kindu and Ojere have already received Football and WASH hardware and software while the other two, Ayueyo and Alango have just been selected to join the project. During the school visits, the visitors got to understand the needs of schools in the area of WASH and identified interventions by local Implementing Partners. The visitors also got to appreciate some outcomes that have already been realized in the project at school level.

Mini tournament on January, 8th

KYFA hosted a mini-tournament involving FC Union, CREATA from Migori County and two teams from KYFA (Manyatta United and Real Kisumu) at Jomo Kenyatta Sportsground from 10.00am – 5.00 pm. The matches were preceded by a brief opening ceremony graced by the County Director of Sports, Mr. Zechariah Okora.

The results of the matches were as follows

F.C Union	(0)	Vs	Manyatta United	(3)
Real Kisumu	(0)	Vs	CREATA	(0)
F.C Union	(0)	Vs	Real Kisumu	(4)
Manyatta United	(1)	Vs	CREATA	(1)
F.C Union	(2)	Vs	CREATA	(1)
Real Kisumu	(0)	Vs	Manyatta United	(0)

In consideration of points earned, goals scored and goals conceded, Real Kisumu were crowned champions on account of no goals conceded. All the matches were fairly played and officiated with no reported case of injuries or gross misconduct

In conclusion, participants from all teams freely interacted with each other during the day. Friendships were made and contacts exchanged. For the first time, a team from Europe was playing local teams from Kisumu. Hundreds of spectators who turned up to watch the matches were a testament to the popularity of football in Kisumu and level of competition amongst the participating teams.

As the host organization, KYFA is proud to be part of NCDO and KNVB's Club-linking. KYFA is also humbled by her selection to host this kind of even

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The visit in Pictures



Left, Mark from KNVB hands over the winners' trophy to the Captain of Real Kisumu FC



Union Players at KYFA offices



A player from CREATA in Migori clears the ball during the tournament



Mr. Okora, Kisumu County Director of sports during the opening ceremony

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