



2016 Annual Report

Common Ground through Baseball

Play Global is a nonprofit organization with the mission to develop respect and teamwork through baseball.

Play Global teaches baseball to coaches and youth in developing countries and areas facing conflict. We use baseball as a way to help kids see past their differences, respect others and play as a team.

We seek common ground through baseball.

Our goal

“The idea is that kids become a part of something greater. They develop the ability to work in a team, understand others and gain self-confidence.

These feelings of commitment and teamwork take them far beyond the baseball field as they grow into adults.

Hopefully, in a small way, we are helping them succeed in life.”

-Tom Gillespie, Executive Director

2016 Programs



Uganda Jan/Feb 2016

For three weeks in early 2016, coaches Pat Doyle and Sam Dempster trained coaches and players at several locations in Uganda. They worked with 77 coaches from all levels of experience and 185 players ages 7 -20. Play Global partnered with the Uganda Baseball and Softball Association and YARID Uganda in order to reach those who could benefit most from our instruction.

Although baseball facilities and equipment in Uganda are often scarce, enthusiasm is high. Many of the children who play baseball in Uganda face the challenges of poverty and instability every day. By belonging to a team and gaining confidence through baseball, they can gain strength and hope for the future.

“Baseball... it helps you think more than the other students, ‘cause at the pitch you are concentrating, so in class you are concentrating.”

-Peter Opio & Paul Ochen, Ugandan players



Kyrgyzstan July/August 2016

Rural Kyrgyzstan was the site of Play Global’s newest program in 2016. At Summer Camp America, coach Brian McCarthy provided leadership and daily baseball instruction to 140 Kyrgyz kids ages 9-14. The camp is run by American Councils for International Education, and aims to give kids a positive experience with American culture. Campers who had never held a bat or worn a glove before became baseball players. Learning baseball was a fun way to practice gender inclusion, since boys and girls seldom play sports together in Kyrgyz culture.



“At first, the boys complained when they had to team up with girls. But after the first day or two the kids played together as teammates. Some of the girls could really play.”

–Coach Brian McCarthy

Israel December 2016

The second year of Baseball Le’Kulam wrapped up with a two-day clinic in December. Play Global’s Jason Holowaty helped lead the clinic and contributed to strategic planning for next year’s program.

Meaning Baseball for All in Hebrew, this project brings together about 30 kids from Arab Israeli and Jewish Israeli communities. By learning baseball together, these players ages 10-12 form friendships and develop an understanding for each others’ cultures.

Play Global partners with the Israel Association of Baseball on this initiative. We look forward to greater involvement with Baseball Le’Kulam in 2017.



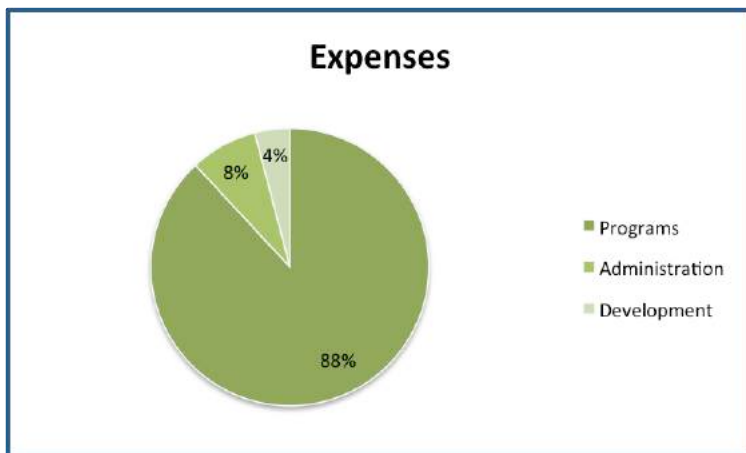
“I met new friends in this project, a Jewish friend and an Arabic friend. And it’s fantastic!”

– Amjad, Baseball Le’Kulam participant

2016 Financial Summary

Expenses

Programs	\$22,723.00
Administration	\$2,021.00
Development	\$1,046.00
Total	\$25,790.00



Revenue

Individuals	\$6,781.00
Organizations	\$10,404.00
Grants	\$2,500.00
Pass through	\$1,225.00
In-kind contributions	\$3,454.00
Earned income	\$3,000.00
Total	\$27,364.00

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