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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium has visited ACAKORO Football project in June 2019 in the framework of the UNICEF field trip of H.M. Queen Mathilde. On that occasion, the Embassy witnessed the tremendous work ACAKORO Football has done since its creation, by developing the life skills of disadvantaged children and youth through sports in Korogocho slum - Nairobi, Kenya. In a Kenyan context, there are numerous challenges predominant in most of its informal settlements such as Korogocho slums. The difficulties faced by children are often exacerbated by poverty, limited access to education, unstable social context and lack of facilities to nurture young children skills and talents. It is in this context that ACAKORO Football has decided to come up with a unique model, by using football as a powerful tool to nourish talents and advocate for child rights, acceptance of rules, health promotion, non-violence, tolerance and gender equality to cater for the vulnerable children of Korogocho slums and its environment, where families have no capacity of providing the basic needs.

The Embassy is impressed by the approach of ACAKORO to use sports as a powerful educational tool to promote the sustainable development goals and is excited about the prospects linked to this initiative, especially given the inherent values of sports. We know that team work and fair play can go a long way in building self-esteem and equal opportunities for both boys and girls in difficult circumstances. We therefore recommend "ACAKORO Football" for external funding which would give the children of Korogocho slums a chance for a more positive life.

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