



# THE SPEED TOURNAMENT

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Soccer brings people together (especially in vulnerable community areas) either as players or spectators and then promote friendships as well as activate dialogue concerning issues in the community. Youths gather to participate in football for peace education. This is the basis upon which SPEED tournament was developed by the CODAP ambassadors who were able to capture the attention of thier community towards peace building using football as an educative medium.

**Coach Heal**  
Peace-making Specialist and CODAP Initiator

Football is a high point of interest in our community. Using the skills acquired in our training, we were able to preach peace using football.

**Ibrahim Dangana**  
CODAP Ambassador and designer SPEED Tournameent

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*Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope where once there was only despair...*

**NELSON MANDELA**  
GLOBAL PEACE HERO

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SPEED tournament as the sports, peace and education component of SPEED utilizes youths' passion for soccer and its ability to bring them together as a strategic means to urge peace using education. It is birthed upon our partnership with Masterpeace, a global peace institution and one fruit of our Community Development Ambassadors Project (CODAP).



**YOUTHS GATHER TO PARTICIPATE  
IN FOOTBALL FOR PEACE**



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## **ACCOMPLISHMENT AND STORY OF IMPACT**

In the evening of 21st September, 2016, Angwan Dadi was lit with vigor and excitement as her young population of 50 congregated at the community football pitch to mark the International Day of Peace with a match and a 15 minutes half-time presentation (peace education) by EESF facilitators on the significance of the game for peace building. This included buttressing the essence of working as team to achieve the goal and imbibing the spirit of sportsmanship.

**BEYOND THE GAME:** The youths are out to make a profound statement with sport as MRS. Adedapo Helen, representing EESF, speaks to the teams on the significance the match and to play in their best characters.



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*Peace is not merely a  
distant goal that we seek,  
but a means by which we  
arrive at that goal.*

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JNR.**  
PEACE, HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST



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## **ACCOMPLISHMENT AND STORY OF IMPACT**

**The SPEED Tournament was first launched in Angwan Dadi not only because it's a vulnerable community that required urgent rebuilding initiatives but that amazingly two ambassadors from our CODAP efforts, Stephen Ochigbo and Ibrahim Dangana initiated the project. They'd perceived the event first as a soccer player and fan but also visualized the impact of youths coming together with a mindset to imbibe the elements of peace through a sport they are all passionate about.**



**So they facilitated the process of organizing the participating teams, held several meetings with us on logistical needs and refereed the match which ended on a 2-2 draw. Before dispersal, they both encouraged the young players to exchange their shirts with hugs and handshakes while facilitators applauded with Adelapo Helen, EESF representative, awarding them the Masterpeace-EESF certificate for peace building sport activists.**



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**THE SPEED TOURNAMENT: The young Peace Building Sport Activists of Angwan Dadi understand & appreciate the power of their favourite game in fostering unity and teamwork to achieve sustainability.**