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ACADES Executive Director and MATCH Foundation's Executive Director



Star performer during the junior tennis championship

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Signing ceremony: ACADES & MATCH Foundation

In a bold step toward sustainable development and youth empowerment, MATCH Foundation signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 4th June, 2025 with ACADES to launch the Kids Agripreneurship Project, an innovative agriculture initiative designed to equip young people with the skills, resources, and opportunities to thrive in the agri-food sector.

Guided by trained facilitators, students will develop entrepreneurial skills and confidence to drive economic resilience in their communities. Teachers simultaneously receive specialized training to integrate these practical farming activities into lessons, creating dynamic learning environments where theory meets real-world application.

"To increase skills for human capital development in an agro-based economy like ours, agriculture as a subject ought to be more practical from the lower classes," said Ngosi. "This partnership is more than a project—it's a movement to transform rural economies and inspire a new wave of agricultural innovators."

The pilot phase will engage 150 students and 4 teachers at Tadala abc Primary School of youth with plans to scale across the zone. Key components include: practical training workshops on sustainable farming, agribusiness, and climate-resilient practices. Mentorship to connect youth with industry leaders and successful agripreneurs. Access to resources through provision of seeds and tools for young farmers. Lastly, market linkages to help youth turn their harvests into profitable ventures.

MATCH Foundation and ACADES invite stakeholders, donors, and communities to support this transformative initiative. Together, we can cultivate a generation of changemakers one seed at a time.

MATCH Foundation Brings Winning Youth Sports Program to Blantyre

On 17th June, the executive committee of the Blantyre City Council approved MATCH Foundation to expand its acclaimed Play and Stay sports program to the Blantyre city youth. This expansion will provide 500 of local youth with free access to sports training, mentorship, and character development programs.

The expansion will provide a safe and inclusive space for all youth fostering teamwork, discipline and leadership skills. It will also provide professional coaching from certified trainers, recreational play opportunities through structured sports training in tennis, netball, basketball and football. Offer academic support and life skills workshops as well as community-building events and tournaments.

"Blantyre City Council only has one youth sports program, the Mayor's Trophy, however, it is only competition based. We needed a program like this," said the Director of Youth. As a foundation talking pride in the words said by JC Penny, "Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together." We are proud to partner in bringing positive outlets and mentorship to our youth. This isn't just about athletics - it's about building champions in life. This initiative is powered through collaborations with our individual partners from Germany as well as with financial support from the Segal Family Foundation, ensuring the program meets community needs. The foundation will officially launch the program on 6th August at Zingwangwa Youth Center.

Battle of Champions – Junior Tennis Championship

The morning of June 14 began with energy, excitement, and joy at Lilongwe Sports Club, as young players filled the courts with smiles, determination, and true love for the game. 64 young athletes between the ages of 12 and 16 competed in the Junior Tennis Championship, a quarterly tournament designed to keep the spirit of tennis thriving in Malawi. Players from Lilongwe, Blantyre, and Ntcheu faced off in matches across Under-14 and Under-16 boys' and girls' categories.

Apart from the competition, the event was a powerful platform for building confidence, discipline, and connection, while advancing our mission of sustainability, talent identification, and community engagement.

Thanks to Lilongwe Golf Club for generously providing the venue, we are now preparing for the next tournament this September, and you can help make it happen. By sponsoring a young athlete, partnering with us, or just showing up to cheer you and make a big difference. Among the top 14 positions up for grabs, MATCH Foundation athletes topped the medal list with 8 medals while Ntcheu team took 6 medals.

"Every serve, every cheer, and every handshake on that court is a step toward a stronger, more connected future for youth in Malawi. This is more than a game—it's a movement."



Group photo with the tournament participants

The Art Beyond the Court

At MATCH Foundation, we take pride in providing space for skills development and offering opportunities to our beneficiaries. Through the Play and Stay sports program, we recognize that skills extend far beyond the boundaries of a playing field or court. The sports courts are hubs where young people are also mentored to unearth their full potential, both on and off the field. In the quest for alternative ways to generate income, the foundation has created opportunity for student-athletes to use recycled materials for craft business in order to support the scholarship program.



11 – year old Faith with her craft product

One Saturday afternoon, a group of student-athletes gathered, not in their usual training gear, but surrounded by what most would consider trash or waste such as discarded plastic bottles, old newspapers, egg trays and boxes. “From this day forth,” announced by our executive director, commonly known to them as Coach T, “we’re going to prove that creativity has no limits.” The young athletes transformed these waste materials into stunning pieces of art. Intricate sculptures emerged from paper, boxes, ropes, and unique accessories from fabric. A wave of focused energy and surprised laughter filled the air. Each student celebrated as they discovered the innovative side which they never knew they had, a hidden talent, a different kind of strength.

This isn’t just any kind of craft business, it is made from the deepest part of the hearts of these young athletes who also want to contribute to their own destiny, proving that skills truly go beyond the court.

