



1. ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

The purpose of seeking fencing gear is to enable our athletes to compete in official FIE tournaments, aiding their continued development in the sport.

In 2023 the Antigua and Barbuda Fencing Federation rejuvenated the sport of fencing within the state. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, 2023 has been our most successful year for fencing.

We started with a beginner training camp in March/April 2023, followed by a development camp with U.S.-based coach Nestor Rosario from May 12-14. We hosted a tournament on August 26. Finally, we hosted our National Championships on November 4.

Antigua and Barbuda, which is located in the Caribbean, was affected in 2023 by Tropical Storm Phillippe from October 2-3 and Hurricane Tammy from October 22 – 23.

The athletes targeted by the Federation to benefit from this initiative include dependents coming from low socio-economic backgrounds. The initiative is projected to run for the next four years. The aim is to equip these athletes with skills, experience, and opportunities to qualify for major youth and senior tournaments within this period.

This initiative, if successful, will benefit two female and four male athletes throughout the given time period.

Details:

- 6 Athletes: 4 males, 2 females
- 1 Project manager
- 1 Technical director
- 2 Coaches
- 1 Team manager/psychologist
- Active training – weekly
- Local tournaments – quarterly
- Places targeted – schools & youth developmental programs
- Existing support: local government, volunteers, media

2. BENIN

The "Fencing Camp for All" project is planning to organise campaigns in four communities in Benin to introduce people to fencing, encourage athletes to join, train instructors and distribute equipment. The project is scheduled to run for 12 months, from January to December 2024, in the municipalities of Parakou, Natitingou, Adjara and Lokossa.

The project aims to increase the number of licensed fencers by 20%, i.e. 120 athletes, and to train 15 new fencing instructors, five from each community.

This project is led by the Federation's Technical Directorate (DT) and placed under the supervision of the Executive Board of the Benin Fencing Federation (BE/FBE) in collaboration with the school and university headmasters, local authorities, Benin National Olympic and Sports Committee and Ministry of Sport.

Most of the planned activities will take place in the following high schools, technical colleges, and universities:

Parakou: Technical High School and College

Natitingou: Military High School and College

Lokossa: School and College

Adjara: INEPS (International Network of Productive Learning Projects and Schools) and College.

3. COSTA RICA

In 2019, a transformative initiative was launched — the Monse Fencing Club, situated in the socioeconomically disadvantaged city of Desamparados in San José, Costa Rica. Operating within the premises of Liceo Monseñor Rubén Odio Herrera High School, a public institution, the fencing club proudly sponsored 80 budding athletes at the novice level. The tangible impact of these endeavours serves as a testament to the project's success and its paramount importance to the local community. However, in December 2023, the club faced an abrupt closure due to the lack of a dedicated fencing room or gym facility.

Facing the dire reality that many fencing enthusiasts, particularly those from underprivileged backgrounds, could no longer afford the costs associated with training, a solution was sought. The vision for continuing the legacy of fencing education in Desamparados took shape in the form of collaboration with a public sport committee. After three years of persistent efforts, the establishment of a formal legal entity — the Asociación de Desamparadeña de Esgrima — became a reality in January 2024. This new association not only aims to support the Monse Fencing Club but also strives to foster the growth of fencing throughout Costa Rica.

Our efforts extend beyond sports; they serve as a positive alternative for the children and youth of the town, offering a pathway to growth, development and resilience against the challenges posed by the prevalent societal issues.

Our primary focus is on students from Liceo Monseñor Rubén Odio Herrera High School. Looking ahead, we have ambitious plans to expand our outreach to encompass other public schools in the vicinity.

Presently, we are in the process of seeking a subvention to secure the services of a qualified instructor, with the aim of compensating them through municipal funding. This strategic move will not only enhance the quality of our training but also enable us to extend the number of service hours, providing greater access and opportunities for the aspiring fencers in our community.

4. EL SALVADOR

To expand fencing in the School of Development through the schools of the metropolitan area.

Educational institutions of the metropolitan area of San Salvador will be selected to carry out fencing exhibitions to motivate the students, and the categories/ages will be children who are 8, 10 and 12 years old.

It will be carried out in two stages, one in the first trimester and the next one after the Student Games, for a total of six months.

We hope to have between 50 and 75 students participate, and we will have between eight and 10 exhibitions.

People collaborating with the project four teachers and there will be three visits per month in the educational centres. National team athletes will be on-hand to provide volunteer support for the teachers.

5. IRAN

Iran Fencing is growing daily. Many young talents are interested in joining our sport, especially a young generation of women.

Our Federation is working hard to provide them the opportunity to train more through providing fencing facilities and equipment throughout our large country.

This project is focused on Gorgan city, Northeast of Iran, and the capital of the Golestan state. Here there are many talented athletes who don't have enough equipment as is

available in other cities such as Shahr-e-Kord, Zahedan and Ilam. Some fencers are even training in parks, as they lack facilities for practice.

Due to many restrictions, we are not able to easily buy equipment from abroad.

For the aforementioned project, we are working hard to provide equipment for two to three fencing clubs that include about 80 young players (ages 11 to 18).

Most notably, about 60 of the players are female, and they lack essentials such as the appropriate clothes.

The required equipment includes the following types of gear:

- Weapons
- Wear
- Masks
- Lames
- Body cords

If this proposal is accepted, the Federation will send six coaches to prepare and deliver equipment to be used in three clubs that have routine training sessions.

6. KYRGYZSTAN

The main goals and motivation are the popularisation of a healthy lifestyle among the younger generation and further active development of fencing in the Kyrgyz Republic; identification of most professionally promising athletes for the purpose of further sportsmanship improvement; and recruiting adult and junior national teams to participate in all international competitions.

Another main goal is to create a fencing hall for holding championships at an international level. So, despite limited financial resources, we are continuing to equip the fencing hall so that our athletes of all categories have the opportunity to gain experience that allows them to represent the Kyrgyz Republic at all international competitions.

In this regard we hope this equipment will provide us with a great deal of assistance for the training of our fencers.

All members of the Federation, including administration, coaches, and fencers, are involved in the promotion and development of fencing. Almost all members of our fencing family promote fencing sport on social networks, posting photos and videos of interesting fencing life.

Other support comes from the National Olympic Committee; the Directorate for Olympic Sports under the Department of Physical Culture and Sports under the Ministry of Culture,

Information, Sport, and Youth Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic; and children's sports schools, all of whom assist in the popularization of fencing in the Kyrgyz Republic.

7. LEBANON

Motivation:

We would like to use the received equipment to help develop fencing in Lebanon and also support players in need who may not be able to renew their equipment due to the financial crisis in Lebanon.

The project will cover Beirut and the suburbs. The targeted category are young fencers (teenagers) that have grown in height and need to change their gear yet cannot afford it. We hope to renew it on yearly basis and it will affect 30 fencer.

8. MONTENEGRO

Motivation:

The MFF is a young federation that has the task of developing fencing in a country that has just encountered this sport. Young people in Montenegro do not have great financial strength, so acquiring fencing equipment is a significant problem. Fencing in Montenegro faces the great challenge of creating a larger and successful sports federation that would achieve large audiences and high-level results. We currently have 60 fencers in Montenegro, but we are sure this number would soon double if we could provide enough equipment for all new fencers who show interest in this sport.

The fencing development project would be implemented through all fencing clubs within the MFF. We currently have five clubs in Montenegro. The target groups would be primarily young people and children. Interest in fencing training in Montenegro is high, especially among young people.

Of the five clubs currently working in Montenegro, in each of them there are two to five people responsible for the work and development of young new athletes, so the total number of people who will lead this project ranges from 10 to 20. The target organisations from which we expect new fencers are primarily schools. Support for the clubs will mainly be provided by the management and administration of the MFF.

9. PAKISTAN

"Fencing for High Schools" is an initiative designed to target student ranging from 9th to 12th grade, including both boys and girls, in Lahore City. This project aims to introduce, train, and

develop the children in the sport of fencing. By engaging individuals in the joy of sports, we aim to develop the culture of fencing in schools to produce future fencers for Pakistan and as well as to develop their physical health, mental well-being, and community spirit. This project will be inclusive, engaging not only the boys and girls but also their school and family communities. We are confident this project will raise the culture of fencing in Pakistan and have a long-term impact.

Lahore is the second-largest city of Pakistan with a population of 15 million and an area of 1772 square kilometres. There are around 100 private schools, which are being targeted primarily as fencing equipment is not manufactured in Pakistan. Therefore, due to being imported, it is costly.

The duration of the project is three months, and it will affect up to 120 people. There will be a number of organised activities, including a one-month training camp in 12 schools, followed by a competition.

With the help of this donated equipment, the 120 boys and girls in the 12 schools will each be given one month of training, free of cost, at their schools. One coach will give training for one month to each schoolboy/girl and, in three months, 120 boys/girls will be given training. After three months of training, a competition will be organized among the players.

10. TOGO

This project, titled “Fencing for Social Inclusion in Togo”, aims to promote fencing as a tool for inclusion and social cohesion in disadvantaged areas of the country by introducing fencing, organising competitions, and raising awareness, as sport is an important lever for social cohesion and development.

Since its creation in 2008, the Togo Fencing Federation (FTE) has been working with the NGO ANGE to promote inclusion within its centres through the practice of fencing by cultivating a spirit of fun, physical and mental recreation and living together.

The FTE wants to extend and develop this model in the country's inland towns to introduce fencing and fencing for the disabled to disadvantaged groups, in particular young girls and boys aged 7 to 17, whether able-bodied or not. This will be by working in partnership and/or cooperation with local associations and NGOs in the areas where it is active, and where they are already taking care of children and orphans.

Participants and supporters of the project include the following organizations:

Association/NGO: Association ANGE, Maison Béthanie

International association/NGO: SOS Children's Villages, Commission Fédérale Escrime Handisport

Togolese local authorities: Golf 1 Town Hall, Kozah 1 Town Hall, and Tône 1 Town Hall

Togolese administration: Ministry of Sports and Leisure, Ministry of Territorial Administration, Ministry of Social Action.

Target locations:

- Regions: Maritime, Lomé- Commune, Plateaux, Centrale, Kara, Savanes
- Prefectures: Golfe, Agoè-Nyivé, Zio, Ogou, Tchaoudjo, Kozah and Tône
- Towns and villages: Lomé, Sichem, Atakpamé, Sokodé, Kara and Dapaong
- Prefectures: Golfe, Ogou, Tchaoudjo, Kozah and Tône
- Neighbourhoods: Lomé (districts: Nukafu, Edjranawé) Tsévié (district: Kpomé), Atakpamé (district: Kamina), Sokodé (district: Komah), Kara (district: Tomdè), Dapaong (district: Nassablé)