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Unicef Namibia and UK NatCom at the NFA Technical Centre

UNICEF Namibia delegates joined UK NatCom with Interim General Secretary, Jochen Traut, Galz and Goals National Manager, Jacqueline Gertze, participants and graduates of the Galz and Goals programme at the NFA Technical Centre.

NatCom, a UK Fundraising Committee for UNICEF, was briefed about the programme and witnessed the demonstration by Galz and Goals at the NFA Technical Centre participating in life skills activities and football games.

Traut said that the Galz and Goals programme played a significant role in the lives of young girls over the years. "Galz and Goals isn't just a programme, it is a transformational tool for the development and empowerment of young girls from all walks of life, through education and social inclusion."

He expressed appreciation to UNICEF, stating that young girls were encouraged to embrace the passion and love they have for football. The game of football encouraged them to stay in school to develop important life skills enabling them to succeed in life.

Galz and Goals National Manager, Jacky Gertze, said the programme assembled young girls from different socio-economic backgrounds that taught them valuable life skills, grooming them to become reliable and responsible members of society.

"We are all aware that the girl child faces unlimited challenges like gender inequality and lack of opportunities for personal growth. Through UNICEF, young girls got the opportunity to develop various skills, built confidence, gained leadership qualities and learnt the values of teamwork," Gertze stated.

She added that Bella Kahuadi and Tjamunene Ndjavera are graduates of the Galz and Goals programme and they demonstrated excellent leadership gained through the programme that made them agents of change. They continue to contribute positively to build prosperous futures for themselves and others, the Galz and Goals National Manager said.

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"We should embrace football as an incredible tool for the development and empowerment of the girl child to create a world where every girl has the opportunity to reach their full potential and make a positive impact in their respective communities," Jacky Gertze, Galz and Goals National Manager concluded.

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