

# TANZANIA CRICKET ASSOCIATION DEV REPORT SEPT TO DEC 2006

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GLOBAL CRICKET FRATENITY A  
HAPPY AND A PROPEROUS 2007

The year 2006 has been very successful for the cricket sport in Tanzania.

## **SEPT 2006:**

Soon after the ICC WCQS – Africa region on 28<sup>th</sup> August 06, Benson Mwita the best bowler of the tournament decided to travel to his home town in Musoma, located in the northern part of Tanzania and rest with his parents for 10 days. Benson who is one of the up coming stars from the association's development program, and has the passion for the game decided to stop in Mwanza, voluntarily for four days on his way back to Dar es Salaam. The purpose of his stopover was to visit Nyakabungo and lake primary schools, where the association has embarked in the grass root cricket development. He conducted cricket coaching clinics and gave tips to the children of both genders. His presence in these schools was very motivating to the youths in Mwanza.



The Domestic league in Dar es Salaam resumed after five (5) months, due to laying of grass wickets in preparation for hosting the ICC division II WCQS – Africa region in Dar es Salaam. The annually played Mwalimu Nyerere Cup commenced on the 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 06 in a round robin home and away format with first two teams on the table to play the finals. All the local participating clubs played their first domestic games on the grass wicket in the history of cricket in Tanzania. It was indeed a new feeling and experience in the beginning for all teams to play on grass wickets. After a couple of game most of the teams have now adopted playing on grass wickets and are enjoying it.

## **OCT 2006:**

The association had yet another task, responsibility to fulfill and immediately started preparations of the women's national team for the ICC WWCQS – Africa region, scheduled to start in early Dec 2006, in Nairobi, Kenya. Half day training camp was held for the women's team in Oct and

Nov, with a couple of trial games with the TCA development side. In this two months training program the girls showed their eagerness and commitments towards the long awaited tournament.



### **NOV 2006:**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2006, TCA held its tri – anneal general meeting. Audited financial accounts for the year 2005 / 2006 were circulated to all members present and the constitutional amendments made during the SGM of Jan 2006 were adopted. Election dates were moved forward to 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2006, due to some in completed formalities with the National Sports Council, who were to supervise the elections.

### **DEC 2006:**

Tanzania women’s cricket team traveled to Nairobi, Kenya to participate in the ICC WWCQS – Africa region, scheduled from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2006. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of Dec. the team was presented with the National flag by the Hon. Col. Iddi Kipingu, chairman of the National Sports Council during the flag giving ceremony, held at the Muhimbili Cricket Academy.



The overhaul Tanzania women’s team performance in all the departments of the game was exceptionally good and satisfying during the course of the tournament. They happened to be the favorite team of the tournament.

The Tanzanian women’s team made a very good start by wining easily with a big margin in their first game against Kenya XI.

The second game against Uganda XI is something the girls of both teams will remember in their lives. Tanzania won the toss and decided to bat first, losing three early wickets in the first three overs with only six runs on the board, but then Saida Hamisi 56 and Kurwa Mayo 47\* controlled the game to reach 152/5. When Uganda came batting, they were 30/0 in the first 5 overs and eventually settled for 130 runs all out in 43 overs. It was really a nail biting and a very exiting game for both the teams. Betty Timer, the ICC chairperson for women's cricket committee, and Tim Kumalo ACA development director, were both present to witness the games and were really impressed with Tanzania's performance.



Unfortunately the Tanzanian women's team could not make it in their third and the final game against Zimbabwe XI, due to some technical reasons beyond control, and eventually lost to Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe happened to be the only ICC full member country, competing with the ICC associate members in the preliminary stage of ICC WWCQS – Africa region. In spite of the runners up position in the tournament, Tanzania women's team has been able to maintain its top position in ranking within the ICC Associate and affiliate member countries in Africa, from the year 2000, and yet could not qualify for the next stage of qualifying series in Pakistan, scheduled in Nov 2007.



Aneth Banali the Tanzanian skipper was awarded the woman of the match in their first game v/s Kenya, Saida Hamisi was awarded the woman of the match in their second game v/s Uganda and she also clinched the overall woman of the series award, Saida happened to be the only player in the whole tournament to score half a century, with Kurwa Mayo closing up with 47\*, followed by Aneth with 42 runs.



On Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> of Dec 2006, the Association held its SGM and elections for its office bearers for the year 2006 to 2009. The elections were supervised by senior authorities from the National Sports Council of Tanzania. The following were elected in the eight person's executive committee.

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| 1. Zully Rehemtulla | - | Chairman                    |
| 2. Taher Kitsa      | - | Vice Chairman               |
| 3. Tom Mhinzi       | - | Secretary General           |
| 4. Nazir Manji      | - | Assistant Secretary General |
| 5. Mazahir Patel    | - | Treasurer                   |
| 6. Eunice Moyo      | - | Member                      |
| 7. Ebrahim Jacksi   | - | Member                      |
| 8. Paul Manyanda    | - | Member                      |

Ten teams from India, Pakistan, Canada, USA, Dubai, United Kingdom, Kenya, and the host Tanzania, were in Dar es salaam to compete in the Twenty 20 cricket tournament, during the UMOJA FESTIVAL'' hosted by Union Club in Dar es salaam from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Dec2006, played in colored cloths. Three groups of three teams played in the round robin format with the defending champions Mumbai team, earning a ticket straight to the semi finals. The tournament attracted persons of high repute like Asif Karim of Kenya playing for the Nairobi team. The ''hurricane Bondo'' moving from Madagascar to the East African coast, came at the right time with drizzling rains for all the four days of the tournament.

The tournament organizer was forced to use flicx carpet as substitute wickets to fulfill the tournament objectives. The tournament happed to be full of fun and excitement to batters and bowlers struggling, and falling off while running due to the slippery outfield and yet became very competitive. The host side Union lost to Dubai Guises for only three runs, while Dubai Guises lost to Mumbai team for just one run in the finals.



## **2006 ACHIVEMENTS**

1. INTRODUCING THE FIRST EVER KISWAHILI CRICKET COACHING BOOK FOR JUNIORS IN THE GLOBAL HISTORY OF THE GAME.
2. BEST WOMEN'S INITIATIVE – ICC AFRICA AWARD
3. BEST WOMEN'S INITIATIVE - ICC GLOBAL AWARD
4. INTRODUCING AND DEVELOPMENT OF GRASS WICKET AT TWO VENUES – ANADIL BURHANI GROUND AND AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM GROUND
5. DEVELOPMENT OF A FULL SIZE CRICKET GROUND WITH FACILITIES AT THE DSM UNIVERSITY
6. HOSTING THE FIRST EVER ICC WCQS – AFRICA REGION IN THE HISTORY OF CRICKET IN TANZANIA.
7. WINNING THE ICC DIVISION II WCQS IN DSM AND QUALIFYING FOR THE ICC DIVISION III WCQS TO BE HELD IN MAY 2007
8. ICC RANKING GRAPH SHOOTING UP FROM 46 TO 28 OUT 100 ICC MEMBERS COUNTRIES
9. RUNNERS UP IN THE ICC WWCQS – AFRICA REGION – NAIROBI, KENYA.

## **VISSION 2011 - 2015 AND CONCLUSSION**

1. The development program that started in Oct 1999 is eventually paying dividends and needs to be sustained in order to produce quality players for a brighter future.
2. Need to secure sponsorship or to build a strong partnership with corporate companies in order to sustain the on going development program and to further expand it to all regions in Tanzania and to enhance the game in general.
3. Need to organize more tours for the national teams of both genders, for exposure and to enhance the standard of the game, at the same time building competitive national teams for a strong future.
4. To chart out strategies, to promote and to enhance the standard of the game at club levels, higher learning institutions and companies.
5. To develop more playing facilities in order to accommodate more players from the development program, other higher learning institutions, companies and towards the game in general.
6. Need to employ a full time national coach to assist all age group national teams.
7. In order to accommodate the above six points, there is a very big need for a financial assistance and other relevant support from the government in general.

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