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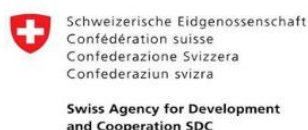
National level elevation of community issues through PPIMA's Community Score Card (CSC) and alliance building

Through NPA support, a PPIMA Partners coalition has influenced MINEDUC and MINALOC on the provision of limited playgrounds in schools/communities, an issue identified through the Community Score Card (CSC) process and elevated to the national level.



A child playing on the outskirts of Kigali, Rwanda, on Oct. 17, 2019. (AFP/Getty Images)

“With this advocacy roadmap we jointly composed in this coalition meeting, it is now clear who will do what, when, with whom and how. This will be a guiding tool for coalition members about their roles in joint advocacy efforts” – A CSO representative following the thematic coalition meeting, 4th June 2021



During the course of 2021 PPIMA partner Never Again Rwanda (NAR) used coalition-building to elevate community based issues identified through the Community Score Card (CSC) to influence high level decision makers and deliver policy change. NAR and coalition members (AJPRODHO, RCCDN, PAX Press, COPORWA, CLADHO, RWN and HDI) engaged the Ministry of Education (MINEDUC) and Ministry of Local Government (MINALOC) on the issue of limited playground space for children in schools/communities and this engagement resulted in tangible outcomes.

Sport in Rwanda is supported by the Rwandan Government's Sports Development Policy of October 2012. This policy correctly states that sport has a number of benefits, including bringing people together and improving health. The policy highlights priorities for the development of sport including improving infrastructure and the financing of sports activities. Rwanda also set a target to become a leading sports hub in Africa with a higher percentage of the population playing a sport than in any other African nation by the end of 2020. This target is yet to be achieved partly because COVID 19 slowed down progress.

Following a number of discussions with stakeholders, MINEDUC committed to recruiting teachers in charge of sports in each school in the 2022 fiscal year. Equally, following engagement with MINALOC a meeting with the Ministry of Sports, City of Kigali, Governors and District Mayors was held on 4th August 2021 to discuss the issue of limited playground space and how it could be resolved. Through this meeting, the following decisions were made:

- Each district should have a plan to promote sports among citizens
- Each cell will demarcate space for playground and cell team
- Each district will have a talent detection and development plan for youth
- Each district will mobilise partners/stakeholders in promoting sports and organizing different sports competitions

There is of course a long way to go before these undertakings become reality. And PPIMA partners are being increasingly encouraged to pursue accountability and ensure commitments are implemented. That said, PPIMA partners are demonstrating through coalitions improved capacity to analyse and document issues from the CSC and deliver joint advocacy activities.