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Virtually, everywhere in the world, in several sectors, football inclusive, life was severely affected.

Like in most countries of the world, Uganda too suffered especially when Government imposed a nation wide lock down period as a mitigation tool to tame the pandemic.

With no football business since 17th March 2020 till todate, Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA) came up with the bitter decision, to halt the various leagues.

The decision was announced on 20th May 2020 by Eng. Moses Magogo, the president of FUFA.

Henceforth, Vipers Sports Club was declared the champion of the 2019-20

Uganda Premier League.

After 75% of the league played, Vipers led the standings with 54 points from 25 matches, 4 points ahead of KCCA.

Article 18, Section 1, Sub-section C & D of the FUFA Competition rules to declare Vipers as champions was applied for football justice.

"Where the league format due to circumstances of force majeure fails to be completed within the season, the league winner shall be determined; c) Where at least one club has played more than 75% of the league games, the following formula shall be used by TOC (Terms of Conditions) to determine the league positions.

Consequently, Maroons, Proline and Tooro United were all relegated to the second division, the StarTimes FUFA Big League.

Promotion

In the second division, two clubs Malaba Youth Development Association (MYDA) FC and UPDF FC were promoted directly since they led the two groups of the second tier by the end of the first round.

The third club to be promoted will be determined via a playoff before kickoff of the 2020-21 season.

Meanwhile, the other football leagues (Women Elite League), Regional, Juniors, Regional and district leagues were all cancelled with no promotions and demotions.

FUFA communicated that the Uganda Cup could be completed with the situation being monitored closely.

Vipers will represent Uganda at the CAF Champions League whilst KCCA shall play in the CAF Confederation Cup.

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Prior to every start of a new season, clubs are subjected to the two programmes with emphasis put on how they can improve both on and off the field in areas such as sporting, infrastructure, legal and governance, finance, marketing among others

In June, all the teams that will take part in the first and second division for the 2020/21 season successfully completed the Clubs Pro Agenda while the Club Licensing exercise is still ongoing.

FUFA donates relief food to players, government amid Covid-19 crisis



"Blessed is the hand that gives because it will receive abundantly," says Acts 20:35, and looks like The Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA) read from the same script.

On Thursday April 16th 2020, FUFA joined the bandwagon of donors to the COVID-19 Uganda national task force that trots under the office of the Prime Minister.

The delegation was led by State Minister of Sports Hamson Denis Obua as they handed over 2.5 tonnes of rice of relief

food to the National task force through the office of the Prime Minister.

The federation meanwhile was represented by president Eng. Moses Magogo, first and third vice presidents Justus Mugisha and Florence Nakiwala Kiyingi respectively, together with the CEO Edgar Watson.

FUFA further requested permission through the same office to be allowed to deliver 10 tonnes of rice to over 2000 football players and officials countrywide who were no longer earning without football being played due to the lockdown which permission was successfully granted.

The 10 tonnes of rice that targeted players from the StarTimes Uganda Premier, the FUFA Big League, the FUFA Women Super League and the FUFA Women Elites League was delivered in a door to door exercise.

The 10 tonnes of rice to players and 2.5 tonnes to government brought the total to 12.5 tonnes worth UGX 50M.

Ex-International footballers' body revived

The once vibrant Ex-International footballers body that had gone in oblivion is back on the scene.

Founded in 1975, this body was phased out in 2012 when they ceased to be part of the august football house, the general assembly.

Now, eight years down the road, the body is reborn, fresh and reloaded.

Tuesday, 11th August 2020 witnessed the official unveiling of an interim committee that will oversee the entire process of a complete overhaul, better lobbying and organization.

This happened at Grand Imperial Hotel in Kampala during a momentous convention before the media.

Uganda Cranes legend Jackson Mayanja is the interim Chairman

He will be deputized by long serving Uganda Cranes captain George Ssimwogerere.

The secretariat has Gibby Kalule and Kefa Kisala with the precious treasury department having vocal URA FC head coach Sam Ssimbwa and Philip Obwiny

The Organizing Secretary docket has Patrick Ntege Kaweesa and Umaru Senoga.

Dan Walusimbi is the project manager and will work alongside Dan Ntale.

Former Uganda Cranes captain Andy Mwesigwa is the body's Public Relations Officer (PRO) and will work hand in hand with Dan Mubiru.

Charles Baker Masiko is in charge of welfare.

Meanwhile, the female department is also well represented by former Uganda Crested Cranes captain and head coach Majidah Nantanda, who will be assisted by another former Crested Cranes captain Christine Wanyana.



The Ex-Internationals body will be establish the sustained systems that shall empower and tackle the welfare status of retired players.

Mayanja humbled appealed to the President of Uganda, General Yoweri Kaguta Museveni as well as the mother football body, FUFA to give this body all the backing it deserves for growth and prosperity.

"We are not here to fight the FUFA but to see how we can help the game of football and we call upon the federation to always engage with us. I also appeal to the president of Uganda and State Minister of Sports Hamson Obua to come and help this association in any possible way. It will be absurd when these players are not rewarded following their heroics performances at various football competitions."

The revival of this body is one of the deliberate efforts that arose from the recent meeting between FUFA and the Ex-Internationals that was held at Ivy's Hotel in Wakaliga.

The brain storming, politicking, lobbying

and planning starts right away with the immediate task at hand to bounce back among the FUFA members.

The body is currently categorized among the Uganda Football Players Association (UFPA).

Ex-Internationals Interim Committee:

- President: Jackson Mayanja
- Vice President: George Ssimwogerere
- Secretary: Gibby Kalule
- Vice Secretary: Kefa Kisala
- Treasurer: Sam Ssimbwa
- Vice Treasurer: Philip Obwiny
- Organizing Secretary: Patrick Ntege
- Vice Organizing Secretary: Umaru Senoga
- Project Manager: Daniel Walusimbi
- Assistant Project Manager: Dan Ntale
- Public Relations Officer (PRO): Andy Mwesigwa
- Vice PRO: Dan Mubiru
- Welfare: Charles Baker Masiko
- Women Representatives: Majidah Nantanda & Christine Wanyana

Financial Assistance: FIFA, CAF aid Member Associations

The grappling COVID-19 pandemic severely affected the entire world, Uganda inclusive.

Football at all levels was disrupted almost everywhere with lockdown restrictions employed to tame the situation.

Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA) and Confederation of Africa Football (CAF) reacted swiftly with a financial relief plan to support its members.

FIFA assisted all the 211 national football federations (associations) to receive operational funding and relief totaling to USD 150 million in the fight against this global pandemic.

"The pandemic has caused unprecedented challenges for the entire football community and, as the world governing body, it is FIFA's duty to be there and support the ones that are facing acute needs,' said FIFA President Gianni Infantino.

This started by providing immediate financial assistance to our member associations, many of which are experiencing severe financial distress.

'As part of the measure, all remaining entitlements of member associations to operational costs under the Forward 2.0 Programme was released in full for the years 2019 and 2020. In particular, the release of the second instalment of operational costs for 2020, which was originally due in July, was paid immediately.'

Usually, FIFA releases the final installment after Member Associations fulfilling some criteria but because of the

crisis the world is facing, the money will be wired without looking into that.

CAF Grant

It is upon this background that the Confederation of Africa Football Association (CAF) has come up with a relief fund for all the 54 member associations.

The relief fund was worth \$ 10.8 millions that will be distributed to every member association including Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA).

Meanwhile, FIFA approved USD 1.5 Bn for all its Member Associations (MAs) to help manage losses suffered as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Each MA will receive USD 1M football stakeholders and USD 500,000 specifically for women football.

FUFA's breakdown of Covid-19 Funds to football stakeholders

	Qty	Financial Loss	Member of FUFA	FUFA Budget Support	Unit	Amount
		UGX	UGX	UGX	UGX	UGX
UPL	1	32,000,000		20,000,000	52,000,000	52,000,000
UPL Clubs	16	12,920,000	15,000,000	5,000,000	32,920,000	526,720,000
FBL Clubs	16	0		15,000,000	15,000,000	240,000,000
Regions	8	0	15,000,000	5,000,000	20,000,000	160,000,000
SIGs	7	0	15,000,000	0	15,000,000	105,000,000
Regional Clubs	101	0		2,000,000	2,000,000	202,000,000
Beach Soccer Clubs	11	0		2,000,000	2,000,000	22,000,000
Futsal Clubs	8	0		2,000,000	2,000,000	16,000,000
4th Division Clubs	905	0		100,000	100,000	90,500,000
DFAs	79	0		1,000,000	1,000,000	79,000,000
FUFA Administrative	1	30,000,000		0	30,000,000	30,000,000
Youth National Teams	1	0		100,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000
Restart of	1	0		176,780,000	176,780,000	176,780,000
Competitions						
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				1USD = 3600	USD 500,000	1,800,000,000

Four Ugandan security officers awarded certificates in stadium safety

Four Ugandan security officers successfully completed an online FIFA course in crowd control and management on 4th August.

The quartet are Dixon Okello, Jamil Ssewanyana, Humphrey Mandu and Abdul Lukooya Ssekabira.

They undertook special classes and sessions online for a particular period of time and successfully passed with flying colors before they were awarded with certificates.

The qualifications for crowd control and management in stadiums are certified by Highfield educational institution in Doncaster, England and it's one



FUFA holds consultative meetings with members

FUFA President Eng. Moses Magogo has always insisted that engagements between the Federation and it's members creates harmony.

At times, some members felt marginalized but the consultative meetings held in June and July were indicators that FUFA recognizes and appreciates the contribution of each member.

Some of the members that FUFA met included the StarTimes Uganda Premier League, StarTimes FUFA Big League, Uganda Football Coaches Association, Women Football Club owners from both the FUFA Women Super League and the FUFA Women Elite League and Uganda Football Players Association among others.



Minister Obua, Magogo convene with Prime Minister about Post Covid-19 plan



L-R: Minister of State for Sports Hon. Hamson Obua, Rt. Hon. Prime Minister Ruhakana Rugunda, FUFA President & FUFA Deputy CEO -Football Decolas Kiiza

The return of sports, football in particular, in Uganda seems far from reality with the continuous number of Coronavirus related deaths being reported of late.

But, there is a ray of hope that at least there will be light at the end of the tunnel after close to five months in darkness.

There are deliberate efforts being taken by the National Council of Sports (NCS) to engage the respective sports federations and associations by showing their respective plans on how to handle the pandemic.

The Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA), like the other 51 federations continuously remained with behind the scenes planning of about the possible return of active sports.

In particular, Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) that rhyme with guidelines laid by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Ministry of Health were formulated.

A series of meetings have been also since held between the NCS officials with the Ministry of Education and Sports.

Now, the State Minister of Sports Hon. Dennis Hamson Obua led a two man FUFA delegation that composed of the FUFA President Moses Magogo as well as the Deputy Chief Executive Officer in charge of football in a special meeting with the Prime Minister Ruhakana Rugunda. This meeting was held at the office of the Prime Minister in Kampala on Wednesday, 5th August 2020.

Although the nitty gritty from this meeting remains scanty at large, there is hope that the possible safe return of football and other sports disciplines was discussed at large.

For a start, suggestions as group training sessions for the grueling pre-season epoch, continuous hand-washing, wearing of masks and testing of people as well as playing matches under closed door arrangements are eminently being fronted.

On 17th March 2020, President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni announced a ban on public gatherings as one of the mitigation tools to tame the spread of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Sports was among the activities that were paused along massive weddings, public markets, churches and mosques and initially public transport that has since returned with restrictions.

By Thursday, August 6, 2020, the Coronavirus rate in Uganda stood at 1203 total cases with 1102 recoveries and sadly 5 deaths.

In the whole world, there are 18,978,366 total cases with the recoveries standing at 12,168,522 recoveries and the death toll standing at 711,241.

FUFA Supports U17 Girls with Cash

FUFA has extended financial support to the Uganda U17 Girls' national team players for personal training as they prepare to face Cameroon in the final qualifying round of the 2021 FIFA U17 Women's World Cup qualifiers.

The first leg to be played in Kampala is slated to take place between 31st October- 2nd November 2020 and a return leg a fortnight later.

The FUFA Communications Director Ahmed Hussein 'FUFA will release funds to 35 players and each will receive \$100 to aid them in personal training. The coaches have been in constant engagement with the players, sharing training manuals as we wait



for Government to lift the lockdown on sports activities. FUFA is ready to support the team so that we realize our

target of qualifying to the 2021 FIFA U17 Women's World Cup in India'

FUFA Top Management staff gets refresher training



FUFA 1st Vice President Justus Mugisha handing over a Graduation certificate to Competitions Director Hajati Aisha Nalule. In the Middle is FUFA Exco Member Rogers Mulindwa

The corporate world plays a key role in the employment sector. FUFA is the leading employer in the sports industry in Uganda with close to 62 permanent staff spread across the country. With this kind of workforce, retention and growth of the labour force is very vital. With the Eight (8)-point strategic plan set out by FUFA, it is important for the internal stakeholders to get first-hand information on how to go about their daily chores at the Secretariat in Mengo and the eight (8)

Regional Offices.

'Mentoring and empowering humanity breeds experience which helps the labour force to plan for the future even when still in employment. FUFA has recruited the smartest of the smartest from the market to work for the institution' FUFA Vice President Justus Mugisha

Football administrator Stone Kvambadde who is a facilitator with the famous US based Franklin Covey Leadership Centre was in charge of the entire course that started on Wednesday 26th August 2020 and ended on Friday 28th August 2020.

The training hinged on Seven (7) Habits of Highly Effective People which are;

- 1. Be Proactive (The Habit of Personal Responsibility)
- 2. Begin with the End in Mind (The Habit of Personal vision)
- 3. Put First Things First (The Habit of Personal Management)
- 4. Think Win-Win (The Habit of Mutual Benefit)
- Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood (The Habit of Empathic Communication)
- 6. Synergize (The Habit of Creative Cooperation)
- 7. Sharpen the Saw (The Habit of

Monthly meetings will improve FUFA, **UPL** internal relations



Eng. Moses Magogo with his speech during the FUFA - UPL breakfast meetingAlgeria and Senegal1



Arinaitwe Rugyendo



Diana Hope Nyago, Chairperson of Busoga United Football Club



As earlier planned, the Federation of Uganda Football Associations (FUFA) fulfilled the promise of hosting monthly break-fast meetings with the Uganda Premier League members. The inaugural meeting was held on Monday, August 24, 2020 at May Apple Hall, Imperial Royale Hotel in Kampala.

FUFA promised to initiate FUFA-UPL breakfast monthly meetings and we

have delivered. Let us remain supportive as we continue to involve the different parties. We all have a common agenda which is sport. There is a lot of value addition. We must protect the brand of the UPL it is a baby we must protect at all times'remarked FUFA President Eng. Moses Magogo.

The well attended meeting was also graced by UPL Board, club chairpersons and other representatives.

Eng. Magogo notified clubs about the availability of the COVID-19 relief funds which will finally be disbursed to the respective club accounts and also informed them of the possibility to acquire the loan for football development (for infrastructural development and football projects).

Academies under scrutiny, for fresh registration



FUFA has a well a laid out vision; 'To be the number one footballing country in Africa on and off the field'

It is upon this background that all efforts being undertaken are deliberate to streamline the development of the game at all

levels, right from the grassroots.

The federation further stresses the right player development and has since established a well laid curriculum which will be a mandatory syllabus in the player development.

Henceforth, all football academies will be issued with licenses which will be classified from A to D and will expire after every two years. The licenses will be graded according to the Academies' Infrastructure, Governance, Administration (and personnel), Sporting and Finance.

The licensed academies will share with FUFA the data about their players which will be recorded in the FUFA master player database and each player issued with a unique number.

'This will help to capture the proper bio data inclusive of the age for the players at the right time and also provide FUFA with records for player training compensation of all the academies the player went through from the age of 12 years as provided for in the FIFA and FUFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of the Players' FUFA Football Development Director Ali Mwebe.

Let's take football to Parliament - Magogo









FUFA President Eng. Moses Magogo has urged the local soccer family in Uganda to pour all their support on sports loving personalities who are vying for various positions in the forthcoming elections. Magogo is one of the football figures eyeing a seat in the National Parliament to represent his mother constituency Budiope East on the ruling party's ticket.

'If political leaders with a soft spot for football are elected, the sky could well be the limit. We need a parliament that has sports people who will in the end give support to discussions on sports matters' said Magogo.

Several sports lovers including FUFA Exco Members Ariga Rasoul, Rogers Byamukama, Busoga United FC President Dinah Nyago, Katwe United FC Chairman Hon Allan Sewanyana and Minister of State for Sports Hon Hamson Obua are some of the figures contesting for seats to Parliament.