

Completion Report: Sports and Recreation Tournament

Organized by: Student Union for Rohingya Development (SURD)

Overview

On **9th and 11th February 2024**, the **Student Union for Rohingya Development (SURD)** successfully organized a **Sports and Recreation Tournament** at **Rohingya-Padha, Kutupalong Area**. The tournament aimed to foster **physical well-being, teamwork, and community engagement** among Rohingya youth through competitive and recreational sports activities. The event drew the participation of **25 volleyball players** and an energetic audience of over **100 community members**, showcasing the transformative role of sports in promoting unity and mutual respect.



Key Activities

- **Volleyball Matches:** Engaging teams of Rohingya youth in structured matches, focusing on strategy, skill development, and teamwork.
- **Recreational Games:** Fun and interactive games designed to involve spectators and foster inclusive participation across all age groups.
- **Youth Development Workshops:** Sessions conducted during the tournament breaks to highlight the importance of physical fitness, sportsmanship, and leadership.

Special emphasis was placed on using the platform to nurture **collaboration, communication, and problem-solving skills** in a competitive yet friendly environment.



Outcomes and Impact

The tournament achieved several notable outcomes

- ✓ **Stronger Community Bonds:** Players and spectators from diverse backgrounds came together, strengthening social cohesion within the camps.
- ✓ **Improved Physical Health:** Regular participation in sports promoted fitness and well-being among the players.
- ✓ **Enhanced Teamwork and Leadership:** Participants demonstrated noticeable improvement in teamwork, coordination, and leadership abilities.
- ✓ **Increased Community Morale:** The recreational environment uplifted spirits, creating an atmosphere of joy and motivation.

Additionally, the success of the event highlighted the potential of sports as a tool for **youth empowerment** and **mental health support** in crisis-affected settings.



Challenges Encountered

Organizing the tournament presented some challenges

1. **Logistics Coordination:** Managing the large audience and ensuring the smooth progression of matches required meticulous planning.
2. **Limited Resources:** Constraints in sports equipment and infrastructure were overcome through collaborative efforts.
3. **Community Expectations:** The high demand for similar initiatives across other camps underscored the need for scaling up such activities.

These challenges were effectively addressed through proactive problem-solving and the dedication of the SURD team.





Funding and Support

This impactful initiative was generously supported by

- **SURD Representatives:** Their leadership and financial backing ensured smooth execution.
- **Camp Management Body:** Their logistical and operational support was invaluable.
- **A Rohingya Well-Wisher in Canada:** Their encouragement and interest in promoting sports programs among the Rohingya community provided additional motivation.

Future Plans

SURD envisions a sustainable sports development program aimed at fostering long-term benefits for the community. Future steps include

- A. **Inter-Camp Sports Tournaments:** Expanding participation across multiple camps to encourage greater youth engagement and inter-camp collaboration of Rohingya Cultural Sports.
- B. **Training and Skill Development:** Organizing regular sports training sessions to hone skills and prepare participants for competitive events.
- C. **Mental Health and Resilience Building:** Leveraging sports as a platform to address mental health challenges and build resilience among Rohingya youth.
- D. **Establishing a Community Sports Network:** Developing a structured sports league with consistent tournaments and workshops to ensure sustained impact.
- E. **Attracting More Sponsors:** Collaborating with international organizations, donors, and sports bodies to secure better resources and expand the program's reach.

Acknowledgments

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- **The Players and Participants:** For their dedication and sportsmanship throughout the event.
- **The Community Members:** For their enthusiastic support as spectators, which added vibrancy to the tournament.
- **The Camp Management Body:** For their critical assistance in organizing and facilitating the event.
- **Our Donors and Well-Wishers:** Especially the **Rohingya supporter in Canada**, whose encouragement and belief in the power of sports continue to inspire us.

SURD remains committed to harnessing the potential of sports to build a healthier, more united, and empowered Rohingya community. With your continued support, we aim to transform these aspirations into lasting change.

