

# Please help the Homeless World Cup get the first ever Palestinian homeless team to Rio



There are one billion homeless people living in our world today. The Homeless World Cup exists to end this, so we all have a home, a basic human need.



A young person playing football inside a Palestinian refugee camp

The Homeless World Cup is an annual, international football tournament, uniting teams of people who are homeless and excluded to take a once in a lifetime opportunity to represent their country and change their lives forever.

The combination of the annual football tournament and the continued work throughout the year gives hope to thousands through the development of life skills through sport. It has triggered and supports grass roots football projects in over 70 nations working with over 30,000 homeless and excluded people every year. Of those who have taken part:

- 92% found a new motivation for life
- 44% improved their housing
- 39% chose to pursue education
- 35% secured regular employment

## Palestine needs your support!

For the very first time a team from Palestine is taking part in the 2010 Homeless World Cup in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in September. Players will be selected from nine refugee camps in the Lebanon, including Sabra and Shatila. The selection will take place in late August and this will be managed by Mr Sameh Zeidani of the Palestinian Sport Office in Al Bass camp.

Unlike many western Homeless World Cup teams the Palestinians receive no national or international sponsorship and rely entirely on donations and the very limited funds of the Homeless World Cup bursary scheme. It costs around £1,000 for a player to participate and teams for this four-a-side tournament need to bring a squad of at least eight players and two managers/coaches. It is a lot of money but the experience of the Homeless World Cup is that this is repaid many times over by the generation of life enhancement through sport of the projects in 70 countries, in which players fortunate enough to have the experience can encourage and generate.

We do not need to be reminded that there are so few avenues of hope for the young people of Palestine, especially those in exile in refugee camps. Not only will they be given hope but the publicity generated by the Homeless World Cup, whether they have success on the pitch or not, will help to ensure that they as a nation, are not forgotten.

**If you would like to help the young people who will represent Palestine in Rio please send a donation to: The Homeless World Cup Foundation at the address overleaf....**



Palestinian children playing football in Gaza. With poverty, political repression and war on their minds, the people of Gaza have found a safe outlet in the sport.

# The Homeless World Cup Needs Your Support

## Get Behind Palestine!



Our partner project in Palestine is committed to the Homeless World Cup. They see their participation at the Homeless World Cup as key to tackling homelessness and poverty. Any donation they receive will not only help them now by getting their team to Rio but in the future by enabling them to grow their project and ensuring that many more people inside the refugee camps benefit from the football programme.

Your support will make a real difference to the lives of homeless and poverty stricken people in Palestine. A ball can change the world!



*"All over the world, I want to say, we've got to end homelessness. Everyone should have a home; it's a right and not a privilege. We have to unite against homelessness"*

**Archbishop Desmond Tutu at the Cape Town 2006 Homeless World Cup**



Image: Team Palestine hopefuls

Image: Archbishop Desmond Tutu

### Yes, I want to get behind Palestine in tackling homelessness

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