



## **Organization Earth PILOT TEST**

*Our activities focus on social impact where anyone can try, fail and succeed and how educational and recreational activities create opportunities to interact with the local area, train volunteer and promote social interaction through sport activities. The methodology of this program is not to achieve excellence in sports, but to create positive change by promoting the growth and development of children and young people through various sports games.*

*(Organization Earth)*

The program called Futbolnet/Sportnet has been implemented since 2017 in numerous camps around Athens and Attika region with an aim to enhance the social inclusion of the participants. The methodology uses sports-related, psychomotor and other fun activities as tool of reflection and agents of change to improve the life of children and young people who are in vulnerable contexts by enhancing them some core values such as teamwork, ambition, and effort.

Moreover, the program has given the opportunity to the participants for an out-of-the-camp activity once per month in order to promote social exchange and integration with the local community.

These activities refer not only to sport but also to a wide range of cultural, recreational and educational ones. Remarkably, the working team per se fosters the integrative process where personnel from Greece, Iran, Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine and Syria have cooperated harmoniously.

A methodology from Barca Foundation has been used for this program, that refers to sport activities adapted in a way to foster the experiential learning of social values. The methodology is adapted to the context of implementation. Futbolnet/Sportnet methodology is based on 5 core social values: Effort, Ambition, Respect Teamwork, Humility.

The project has been implemented/facilitated by Organization Earth since 2017 in 6 refugee camps in Greece, with the majority of them situated in Athens and Attika region. Since the launching of the refugee camps, the need for such Sport for Good activities was identified. The camps where the project has been implemented had been lacking other sport activities, and the project comes as a supportive element to the greater picture of non-formal education for refugee children who do not have the opportunity for other organized sport.

Moreover, Organization Earth had to adapt the project's elements to the respective context. The project has come as a natural consequence of a spontaneous sport program initially implemented with the support of Barca Foundation, Stavros Niarchos Foundation and AlWaleed Philanthropies not only in terms of financial support but also in terms of fostering our organization's know-how.



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