

More than 120 participants from the LALIGA | Za'atari & Azraq social project commemorate World Children's Day

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Boys, girls and coaches from the project in both refugee camps enjoyed a programme of leisure and sports activities. In the week leading up to World Children's Day — which marks the anniversaries of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of the Rights of the Child and the approval of the Convention on the Rights of the Child — more than 120 beneficiaries of the LALIGA | Za'atari & Azraq social project, run by LALIGA's Sports Projects department and the LALIGA Foundation in collaboration with AFDP Global (Association Football Development Programme), took part in an enriching day of shared activities.

With a programme full of training sessions and leisure activities centred around football and its values, participants from the two Jordanian refugee camps where the project operates (Za'atari and Azraq) enjoyed a day of coexistence marked by camaraderie, respect and tolerance.

A sports tournament was also held, featuring the four winning teams from each category in each refugee camp. In total, four matches took place: one under-13 final, two under-15 finals and one under-17 final.

As in last season's edition, each of the eight teams participating in the tournament was selected not only on sporting merit but also on socio-educational criteria. This competition evaluates both the attitude and behaviour of all team members and the results of the league held in each camp. This requirement follows the project's "Valores para Ganar" methodology, which places strong emphasis on socio-educational development.

Once the matches were completed, all participants received a corporate gift from the organisation before returning to their respective refugee camps.

Olga de la Fuente, director of the LALIGA Foundation, explained: "We designed this day as a space for coexistence rather than competition. It is the only moment in the year when boys and girls from both camps come together, and therefore we include recreational activities that allow different ages and groups to mix, creating shared moments of fun and connection."

For his part, David García, coordinator of coaches and methodology in LALIGA's Sports Projects department, added: "Initiatives like this once again demonstrate the role of football and LALIGA as engines of social transformation and as tools to improve the well-being of those who play. The project's commitment is to continue progressing, removing barriers and bringing hope to an ever-growing number of children."

In the coming weeks, a new season of the sports competition in both camps will begin, with renewed collaboration from LALIGA clubs, who will donate their match kits once again, bringing the colours and passion of Spanish football to the pitches of these areas of Jordan.

Meanwhile, training courses for coaches of the LALIGA | Za'atari & Azraq social project have already begun, focusing on expanding their knowledge of technical-tactical aspects of the game, training methodology, first aid and values education.

Coinciding with such a meaningful occasion as World Children's Day — dedicated to defending the right to safe play and the protection of children — the LALIGA | Za'atari & Azraq social project begins a new season marked by this milestone. The programme thus renews its commitment to football as an educational and inclusive tool, reinforcing its role in supporting and accompanying refugee youth.