

ANNUAL REPORT

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EXPANDING
HORIZONS**

2023

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



A Message from Lylle Asiligwa, Director, DBA Africa

Dear Valued Stakeholders,

We are delighted to present DBA Africa's Annual Report for 2023, a year that truly laid the groundwork for significant expansion and impact. This report reflects our foundational efforts in establishing new programs, nurturing talent, and extending our reach across the region, setting the stage for future successes.

The year 2023 was particularly highlighted by the conceptualization and successful formation of a couple of key tournaments and fixtures established by DBA Africa, most notably the inaugural **Futures Cup Tournament**, proudly hosted by us. This marked a significant step in our commitment to fostering competitive platforms for young athletes.

Beyond rugby, we were also fortunate to expand our reach and impact by setting up the **DBA Lacrosse Academy in Uganda**. This initiative embodies our core mantra of changing lives through sport, diversifying the opportunities available to youth in the region.

Crucially, 2023 saw the tangible beginning of our pathway from grassroots to greatness. DBA Africa was able to create a clear and impactful pathway for both new and existing athletes, guiding them through their journey in rugby and beyond.

We invite you to delve into the full Annual Report to discover the depth of our achievements and the stories of transformation from this remarkable year.

Sincerely,
Lylle Asiligwa Director Kenya, DBA Africa

KEY

HIGHLIGHTS

Q1



The Inaugural Annual Futures Cup Established

2023 marked a pivotal moment with the establishment of the inaugural annual Futures Cup. This groundbreaking tournament featured 8 franchises for boys' teams, spanning across 7 regions in Kenya and extending into Uganda. The Futures Cup quickly became a cornerstone of youth rugby development, providing a structured and competitive environment for budding talents.

Reagan Lands US Scholarship

A testament to the opportunities created through our programs, Reagan successfully landed a scholarship to a university in the United States. This achievement highlights the pathways DBA Africa aims to create for its athletes, combining sporting excellence with academic advancement.



Futures Cup Sponsors: A Foundation of Support

The success of the first Futures Cup was made possible by the invaluable support of our esteemed sponsors: Nairobi Sporthouse, Rams Rugby, St. Christophers, Bijon, Out Of Africa Kenton College, and MOrandat. Their commitment underscored the potential of this new initiative and our shared vision for youth development.

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Q2



Regional Tour Through Kenya

Our team embarked on an extensive regional tour through Kenya, focusing on the academies we've set up, age-grade rugby development, and conducting trials for the Futures Cup. This tour was crucial in identifying new talent and reinforcing our presence at the grassroots level.

Pius Flies to Philip Wokorach 15 Foundation Tournament

Demonstrating our commitment to regional collaboration and support, Pius Shiundu flew to attend the Philip Wokorach 15 Foundation tournament. This visit strengthened ties with other key stakeholders in African rugby development.

DBA U15 Participate in Christie 7s

Our DBA U15 team proudly participated in the annual Christie 7s tournament, gaining invaluable competitive experience against some of the best youth teams in the region.

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Rayvon Amunga's Scholarship and Rugby Journey

A standout achievement of the year was Rayvon Amunga landing a scholarship to Bryanston School in the UK. This was followed by further success as Rayvon Amunga secured a place in the Bath Rugby setup, marking a significant step in his professional rugby journey.



Freddie Okoth Lands Support from Bryanston Headteacher

The positive relationship with Bryanston School extended further, with Freddie Okoth receiving crucial support from the Bryanston headteacher, illustrating the network of opportunities DBA Africa is building.

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DBA Uganda Lacrosse Team Established

Diversifying our sporting portfolio, 2023 saw the successful establishment of the DBA Uganda Lacrosse team. This initiative broadened our impact beyond rugby, introducing a new sport to young athletes in the region.



Visit from Ex-Japan Captain Toshiaki

Our academies received an inspiring visit from Ex-Japan Captain Toshiaki, who shared his insights and experiences with our young athletes, providing invaluable mentorship and motivation.

LOOKING FORWARD

The year 2023 was foundational, laying robust groundwork for the ambitious projects and partnerships that followed. We are immensely grateful to all our partners, sponsors, athletes, and staff whose dedication made these achievements possible. DBA Africa remains committed to its mission of empowering African youth through sport, building on these successes to create even greater opportunities in the years to come.



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