
Humanitarian Aid

Under the terms of a cooperation agreement with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the IOC has provided funding for a three-phase programme to benefit Bhutanese refugees and the local communities living in the districts of Jhapa and Morang, in Nepal.



The IOC and the UNHCR hope through this programme to provide refugees, some of whom have been living in the camps for over five years, and the host population in the area with sufficient training and equipment to sustain positive social activities for the youth in their communities.

Twenty-seven sports teachers from each camp participated in a first nine-day training programme. On the request of the participants, another two-week programme was started in February. In addition, a three-week training programme for sports instructors in local schools was

As children in the camps looked on, sport and cultural activities were on the programme.



launched in cooperation with the Nepal Sport Council. In March, IOC representative Amanda Pingree visited a local school and three camps, at which programme participants have received certificates, and also attended sport and cultural demonstrations to celebrate

the success of phase one. The UNHCR, the NOC, the National Sports Council and the local authorities all look forward to the implementation of phases two and three. Another pilot project will be launched very shortly in Ghana.

