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PANSA'S SAFER COMMUNITIES POST PROJECT REPORT

2021-2024
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ABOUT THE PROJECT

This report reflects on the journey of PANSA's Safer Communities Project – a three-year initiative that brought together sport, leadership, cultural connection, and community resilience.

With the support of the **Australian Government Safer Communities Fund**, we've delivered real outcomes for young people and families from African and multicultural backgrounds in Western Australia.

Here, we share what we set out to do, what we achieved, and how it helped create **stronger, safer, and more connected communities.**

WHAT WE SET OUT TO DO

With funding from the Australian Government, we committed to:

- Deliver five **sports programs** across 160 ongoing sessions
- Host **two major sporting events** per year, including the Perth African Nations Cup, PAN Basketball Championships, Africa Day Multisport Festival, and PAN Sports Awards
- Facilitate **youth group meetings** every two weeks
- Run two **community dialogue sessions** per year with young people, community leaders, and partner organisations
- Provide **warm referrals to employment, mental health, sports clubs, and personal development services**
- **Engage at least 700 CaLD** (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) **youth** each year
- Run two **parent sessions** each year to support CaLD families with the challenges young people face

WHAT WE ACHIEVED

65

support visits made to local sporting clubs in 2024-25

3+

major community events held each year

160+

sport program sessions delivered during school terms

4+

community dialogue sessions hosted with youth, leaders and service orgs

26

fortnightly Youth Hub sessions facilitated annually

700+

CaLD youth engaged annually

2

parent education sessions delivered for CaLD families

887

youth participants in the final project year

PLUS

Thousands of meaningful community touchpoints created and hundreds of referrals made to mental health, employment and sports support services

OUR COMMUNITY IMPACT



SAFETY, CONFIDENCE AND LEADERSHIP

By offering structured, positive activities year-round, the project helped reduce anti-social behaviour and built confidence among families and youth. For many facing racism or social exclusion, it **created safe spaces where they could connect, grow, and belong.**

Our African-Australian peer leaders were supported through mentoring and real responsibility, giving them the tools to lead and inspire others.

TACKLING DISCRIMINATION AND ELEVATING YOUTH VOICES

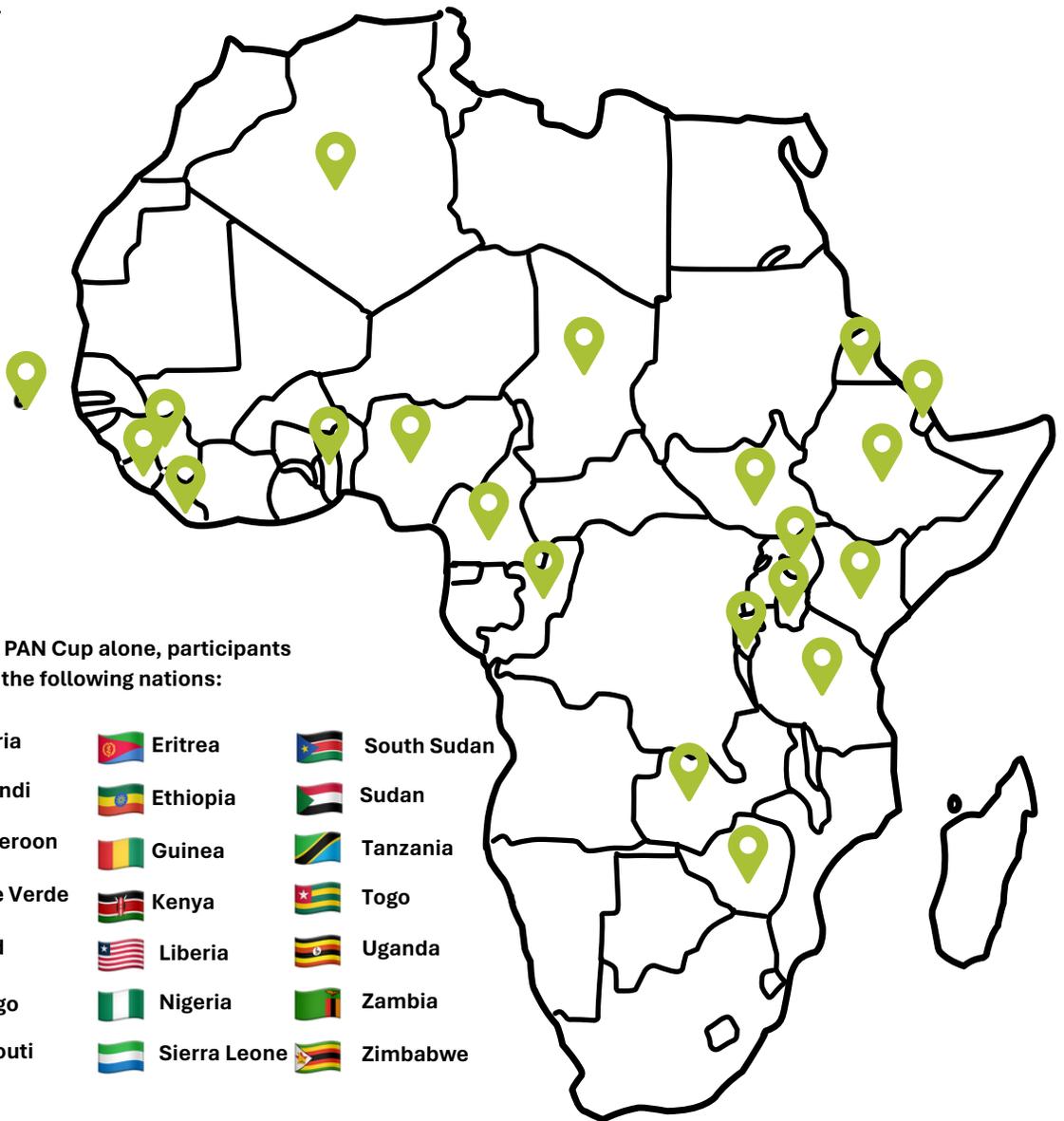
Our staff guided young people through challenges with empathy and care, offering practical support and service referrals when needed. The program also directly addressed discrimination, including one significant incident in an afterschool sports session.

We regularly gathered **participant feedback on safety, peer interactions, and inclusion**, and used these insights to refine our approach and advocate to government and sector leaders.

A DIVERSE AND UNITED COMMUNITY

PANSA connects **more than 5,000 people from over 25 African nations** in Western Australia. In our 16-year history, every African nation has been represented in our programs – a true testament to our inclusiveness and reach.

This **rich diversity strengthens every aspect of our work**. It allows us to deliver programs that are not just culturally responsive, but deeply reflective of the community we serve.





LEGACY AND LEARNINGS

This project wasn't just about short-term activity, it built long-term foundations:

- It **strengthened PANSA's capacity** through staffing, systems, and structure
- It **upskilled a new generation** of African-Australian peer leaders
- It created **strong partnerships** between community, sport, and support services
- It laid the groundwork for **long-term community safety, inclusion, and advocacy**

Through this program, PANSA has grown not just in size, but in depth, **ready to lead even more impactful work.**





THANK YOU!

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We also thank **every young person, parent, peer leader, volunteer, and staff member** who contributed their time, voice, and energy to this project. You helped make this something truly meaningful.



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