

A group of young people, mostly Black, are posing behind a large open cardboard box. They are wearing white Taekwondo uniforms with black belts. Some are making fist pumps. The box in front of them is filled with various items, including a red and white patterned bag and a blue and white patterned bag. The background is a plain wall.

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WT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REPORT

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Executive Summary

The World Taekwondo (WT) Development Program is a comprehensive initiative aimed at fostering the sustainable growth of Taekwondo globally. Aligned with the values of excellence, integrity, respect, tolerance, inclusiveness, and leadership, WT collaborates with Continental Unions (CUs), Member National Associations (MNAs), and other stakeholders to implement development programs. The Member Relations & Development Department oversees nine programs designed to enhance stakeholder capabilities, promote global Taekwondo events, and cultivate talent from grassroots to elite levels.

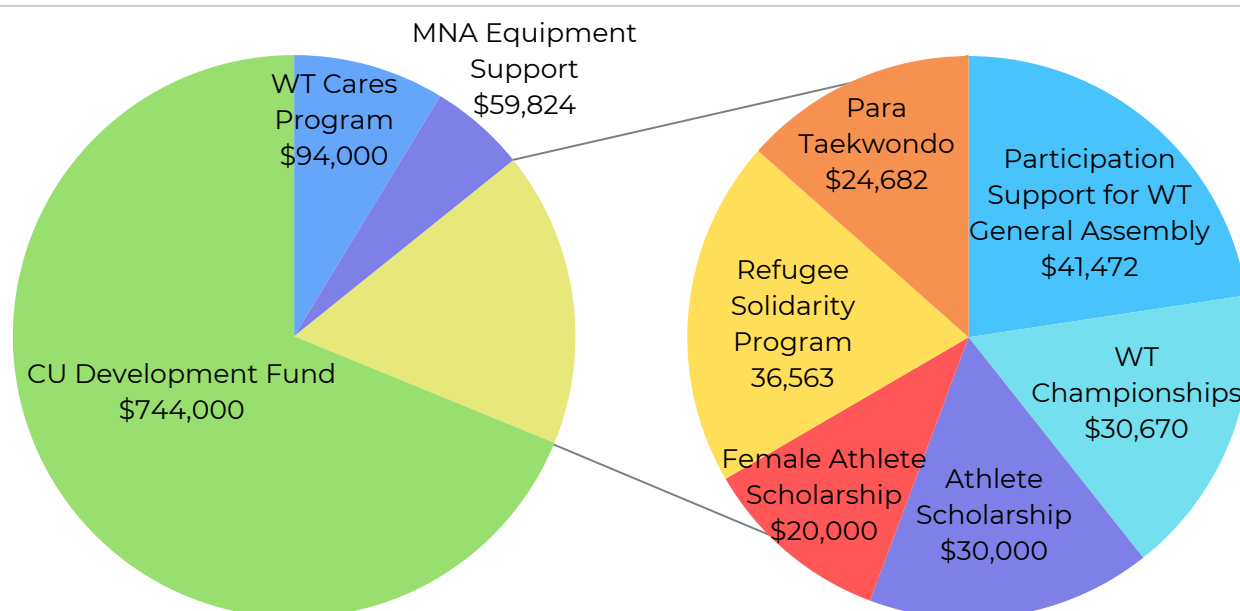


Figure 1. Budget Distribution Across Each Development Program 2023

The programs include equipment provision, financial support for participation in the annual WT General Assembly (GA) and WT Championships (Senior and Cadet), athlete scholarships for training and participation in competitions, and assistance for vulnerable communities, refugees, and Para Taekwondo athletes. In 2023, a total of 35 MNAs, 5 CUs with 16 different projects, and 16 athletes were directly supported with a total spent budget of USD 1,081,211 (see Fig. 1).

The Development Program strategically allocates funds to enhance stakeholder capabilities, facilitate participation in events, and nurture talent across various levels. In summary, the program effectively aligns with WT's mission, fostering the sustainable growth of Taekwondo on a global scale.

At a Glance

Program	Purpose	Expenditure
MNA Equipment Support	Provide Taekwondo equipment to MNAs for training and competitions.	USD 59,824 8 MNAs
MNA Participation Support for WT General Assembly	Financial support for MNA delegates to attend the annual WT General Assembly.	USD 41,472 19 MNAs
MNA Participation Support for WT Championships	Financial support for athlete and coach participation in WT Championships.	USD 30,670 12 MNAs
Individual Athlete Scholarship	Financial support for individual athlete training and competition.	USD 30,000 6 athletes
Individual Female Athlete Scholarship	Financial support for female athlete training and competition.	USD 20,000 4 athletes
Refugee Solidarity Program	Financial support for refugee athlete training and participation.	USD 36,563 5 athletes
Continental Union (CU) Development Fund	Financial support for CUs through different proposed projects.	USD 744,000 5 CUs 16 projects
WT Cares Program	Provide Taekwondo education and equipment to vulnerable communities.	USD 94,000 6 MNAs
Para Taekwondo	Promote global Para Taekwondo and athlete pathways.	USD 24,682 2 MNAs, 1 athlete

1. MNA Equipment Support

Purpose



- To provide **Taekwondo equipment to MNAs** to support training and/or organization of competitions.

Eligibility

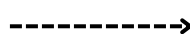


- **Tier 3 or Tier 2** depending on the Classification of Annual Membership Tiers.
- **Host of WT-promoted and/or recognized events** as listed in the official WT Calendar 2023.

Application & Status



Applications received



8

MNAs supported



Budget



Allocated Budget:
USD 5,000 Per MNA

The allocated budget and the actual total expenditure may vary in specific cases.

**USD
59,824**

**Total
Expenditure**

1. MNA Equipment Support

1

Botswana (2024 Botswana Open, G2)

4 E-trunks, 4 E-trunk transmitters, 1 Receiver base, 4 E-head gears, 2 Chargers, 1 Gen2 software

2

Burkina Faso (2023 Burkina Faso Open, G1)

4 E-trunk transmitters, 4 E-head transmitters, 1 Gen2 software, 2 Judge scoring box, 1 Receiver base

3

El Salvador (2023 National Taekwondo Festival)

8 E-trunks

4

Madagascar (2023 Indian Ocean Island Games)

4 E-trunk transmitters, 2 Judge scoring boxes, 1 Receiver base, 10 E-trunk protectors, 1 Wired receiver box, 4 E-head gear without trans, 9 E-foot protectors, 6 Charge e-protectors

5

Maldives (2023 Maldives Taekwondo Championships)

4 Body protectors, 1 Receiver, 3 Judging boxes, 1 recharger, 1 barcode scanner, 1 key pad, 1 proximity sensor tester



6

Niger (2023 Niger Open)

6 E-trunks, 2 E-trunk transmitters, 1 Receiver, 2 Chargers

7

Solomon Islands (2023 Pacific Games)

5 E-trunks, 2 e-trunk transmitters, 1 receiver base, 4 e-head gears, 2 e-head transmitters, 2 chargers, 1 software

8

Ukraine

30 E-body protectors, 5 receivers, 6 judging boxes, 20 Black labels



2. MNA Participation Support for WT General Assembly

Purpose



- To provide financial support for the **participation of MNA delegates in the WT General Assembly (GA)** held in Baku, Azerbaijan on May 28, 2023.

Eligibility



- Tier 3 or Tier 2** depending on the Classification of Annual Membership Tiers.
- In person participation** of at least one MNA delegate in the WT GA in 2023. Female representation is encouraged.

Application & Status



Applications received

19

MNAs supported

Some MNAs were not able to attend due to visa issues



Budget



Allocated Budget:

USD 3,000 Per MNA

USD 1,000 for accommodation and USD 2,000 for a roundtrip economic class airfare

The allocated budget and the actual total expenditure may vary in specific cases.

**USD
41,472**

**Total
Expenditure**

3. MNA Participation Support for WT Championships

Purpose



- To provide **financial support for the participation of an athlete and a coach in WT Championships** on May 29-June 4, 2023 in Baku, Azerbaijan; and **WT Cadet Championships** on August 28-31, 2023 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Eligibility



- Tier 3 or Tier 2** depending on the Classification of Annual Membership Tiers.
- In person participation of an athlete and/or a coach** in WT Championships and/or WT Cadet Championships in 2023.

Application & Status - WT Championships



Applications received



9

MNAs supported

4 Coaches*, 9 Athletes

Some MNAs were not able to attend due to visa issues

**Only for Tier 3 MNAs*



Budget-WT Championships



Allocated Budget:

USD 3,000 Per Athlete/Coach

USD 1,000 for accommodation and USD 2,000 for a roundtrip economic class airfare

The allocated budget and the actual total expenditure may vary in specific cases.



**USD
27,926**

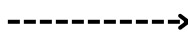
**Total
Expenditure**

3. MNA Participation Support for WT Championships

Application & Status - WT Cadet Championships



Applications received



3

**MNAs supported
3 Coaches*, 3 Athletes**

*Some MNAs were not able to attend due to visa issues
Only for Tier 3 MNAs



Budget-WT Cadet Championships

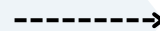


Allocated Budget:

USD 3,000 Per Athlete/Coach

USD 1,000 for accommodation and USD 2,000 for a roundtrip economic class airfare

The allocated budget and the actual total expenditure may vary in specific cases.



**USD
2,744**

**Total
Expenditure**

4. Individual Athlete Scholarship

Purpose



- To provide **financial support for individual athlete's training and participation in WT-promoted and/or recognized competitions**

Eligibility



- Athletes who have the potential to participate in WT-promoted and/or recognized competitions, and
- Athletes who are likely to qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Application & Status



Applications received



6

Athletes supported

From four MNAs



Budget



Allocated Budget:
USD 5,000 Per Athlete



**USD
30,000**

**Total
Expenditure**

5. Individual Female Athlete Scholarship

Purpose



- To provide **financial support for individual female athlete's training and participation in WT-promoted and/or recognized competitions**

Eligibility

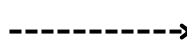


- Female athletes who have the potential to participate in WT-promoted and/or recognized competitions, and
- Female athletes who are likely to qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Application & Status



Applications received



4

Athletes supported

From four MNAs



● Pakistan

- Naqsh Hamdani

● Mali

- Aissata Mohamed Siby

● Nigeria

- Elizabeth
Oluchi
Anyanacho

● Kenya

- Sharon Nafula
Wakoli

Budget



Allocated Budget:
USD 5,000 Per Athlete



**USD
20,000**

**Total
Expenditure**

Testimonials & Insights



"The support we received was a great help as it allowed us to plan our preparation for the competitions and travel to them with ease. The competition routine could be instrumental in securing qualification for the Paralympics next year, especially by winning the qualification tournament."

ZOLTAN D KISS, ATHLETE



"I had three training camps, one in Uzbekistan and Turkey, one in Spain and one in Germany. I had the chance to prepare with an Olympic gold medallist, Ulugbek Rashitov, at the first training camp. Without this scholarship, I could not have gone to any of these camps ...

Thanks to the WT Development Program for giving me the chance to participate in this program. I had never had any like these opportunities. That program helped my preparation, and it paid off because I had two GP medals, one gold from the GP Final in Manchester and one silver from Rome."

JOZSA LEVENTE, ATHLETE

Testimonials & Insights



Naqsh Hamdani (Fourth person from the left in the bottom row)

"Pakistan Taekwondo always appreciates and is obliged to the kindness of WT President, Dr. Chungwon Choue, for his continued support for the athletes. In difficult times WT and ATU supported Pakistani athletes and management for the promotion and development of Olympic Martial Sports in Pakistan. I am positive that this support will be continued in future as well."

**LT. COL. RAJA WASIM AHMED,
PAKISTAN TAEKWONDO FEDERATION PRESIDENT**

Hussein Imad Fadhil Al-Lami, Mohamed Fofana, Youssef Simpara, Amar Cisse Moussa (individual athlete scholarship recipients), and **Aissata Mohamed Siby, Sharon Nafula Wakoli, and Elizabeth Oluchi Anyanacho** (individual female athlete scholarship recipients) were supported for their participation in various championships and the training stay at the Taekwondo Competence Center (TCC) Friedrichshafen including accommodation, food allowance, fitness center access, and physiotherapeutic care.

"The grant made it possible to take part in numerous championships. In addition, the training stay at the TCC Friedrichshafen enabled the sporting quality of the individual athletes to be improved to the point of international competitiveness. This would only have been possible to a very limited extent without the support of this programme."

**MARKUS KOHLÖFFEL,
TCC FRIEDRICHSHAFEN DIRECTOR**

6. Refugee Solidarity Program

Purpose



- To provide **financial support for refugee athlete's training and participation in WT-promoted and/or recognized competitions**

Eligibility



- Athletes who hold refugee status, and/or
- Athletes who have the potential to participate in WT-promoted and/or recognized competitions, and
- Athletes who are likely to qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Application & Status



Applications received



5

Athletes supported

Refugees from three countries



Budget



Allocated Budget:
USD 12,000 Per Athlete

The allocated budget and the actual total expenditure may vary in specific cases.

**USD
36,563**

**Total
Expenditure**

6. Refugee Solidarity Program

1

Kimia Alizadeh Zenozi (Iran)

Participation in:

- Baku 2023 WT Championships
- 2023 Swedish Open



Her goals: to participate in international games, gain experience, and accumulate points for Olympic qualification in 2024.

Senior
Division
W -62 kg
Rank 29

2

Farzad Mansouri (Afghanistan)

Participation in:

- Baku 2023 WT Championships
- 2023 Turkish Open
- 2023 Taiyuan GP
- 2023 Swedish Open



His goals: to gain elite competitor experience, develop skills as a world-class taekwondo athlete, and secure a top-10 ranking in the M -80kg category.

Senior
Division
M -80 kg
Rank 38

3

Yahya Basam Al Ghotany (Syria)

Training equipment

Training in Samsung S1 Taekwondo Club

Participation in:

- Baku 2023 WT Championships

Senior
Division
M -63 kg
Rank 162

4

Wael AL FARAJ (Syria)

Training in Samsung S1 Taekwondo Club

Senior
Division
M -74 kg
Rank 264

6. Refugee Solidarity Program

5

Fetemeh Jami (Afghanistan)

Participation in:

- 2023 Turkish Open
- 2023 Kimunhyong Cup International Open Championships
- 2023 Chuncheon Korea Open International Taekwondo Championships
- 2023 Beirut Open

Cadet Division

W -55kg

Turkish Open

2nd Place

Kimunhyong Cup

3rd Place



Her goals: to participate in international games and gain experience, to achieve the best result in the Youth Olympic Games 2026, and to obtain a high ranking in the -55 kg cadet category.

In her words:



Fatemeh Jami (First person from the left. Silver medalist at 2023 Turkish Open)

"I want to be the best role model for others in my sport, Taekwondo, and in my age and weight category ... I want to become a professional Taekwondo practitioner and be a champion of Continental, World and Olympic competitions ... by thinking well and working hard, I can achieve my goals, which will ultimately be useful for the immigrant community ..."

**FATEMEH JAMI,
ATHLETE**

7. Continental Union (CU) Development Fund

Purpose



- To support CUs to carry out their operations as well as to support the MNAs in their respective continents.

Eligibility

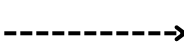


- Each CU is entitled to receive funding in proportion to the number of MNAs on its continent.
- The fund is allocated upon receipt of the completed applications and project plans.

Application & Status



Applications received



5

CUs supported

- 1 **African Taekwondo Union** ----- USD 164,000
52* MNAS - 3 Projects
**Before the inclusion of Namibia*
- 2 **Asian Taekwondo Union** ----- USD 148,000
44 MNAS - 3 Projects
- 3 **European Taekwondo Union** ----- USD 164,000
52 MNAS - 3 Projects
- 4 **Oceania Taekwondo Union** ----- USD 118,000
19 MNAS - 4 Projects
- 5 **Pan American Taekwondo Union** ----- USD 150,000
45 MNAS - 3 Projects

Budget



Allocated Budget:
USD 20,000 Per Project
USD 2,000 Per MNA
212* MNAS - 16 Projects
**Before the inclusion of Namibia
as WT's 213th MNA*



USD
744,000

**Total
Expenditure**

8. WT Cares Program

Purpose



- To provide **Taekwondo education and equipment to vulnerable communities**, such as orphans, street children, reformatory inmates, drug and alcohol addicts, women victims of violence, etc., in developing countries.

Eligibility



- Applying MNAs should be from **Asia** due to the funds being supported by the **Asia Development Foundation (ADF)**.
- Projects could be expanded to countries from other continents on a case-by-case basis.

Application & Status



Applications received



6

MNAs supported



Budget



Allocated Budget:

USD 15,000 - 17,000 Per MNA

Depending on the duration of the project



**USD
94,000**

**Total
Expenditure**

8. WT Cares Program

1

Pakistan (Care for Those Who Dare)

- Duration: 1 year
- Aim: to empower orphans and children from rural areas and give them an opportunity for life improvement
- Participants: around 1,000 children

2

Sri Lanka (Road to Champion)

- Duration: 1 year
- Aim: to empower street children and vulnerable youth affected by war, discrimination, and exploitation
- Participants: 100 young people

3

Bhutan (Road to Recovery through Taekwondo)

- Duration: 7 months
- Aim: to support people at alcohol and drug rehab centers and to enhance education at schools
- Participants: 144 young people



4

Kyrgyzstan (Dream through Taekwondo)

- Duration: 7 months
- Aim: to provide orphans with the opportunity to foster family warmth, health, and dreams
- Participants: 120 orphan children

5

Mongolia (Bright Future with Taekwondo)

- Duration: 7 months
- Aim: to provide reformatory inmates a pathway to reintegrate to society
- Participants: 100-120 reformatory inmates

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Nepal (Um Hong Gil Human School Project)

- Duration: 7 months
- Aim: to use Taekwondo as a tool for life improvement and education in sports, peace, and Olympic values
- Participants: 50 students



9. Para Taekwondo Development Funds

Purpose



- To ensure the global growth of Para Taekwondo and provide athletes with a pathway to the international stage.

Eligibility



- All Member National Associations (MNAs) can apply.

Application & Status



Applications received

2

MNAs supported

Some MNAs were not able to attend due to visa issues

1

Refugee Athlete supported

1

Peru

- Veracruz 2023 WPT GP and World Championships (7 athletes)
- Manchester WPT GP Final (1 athlete, 1 coach)

2

Ukraine

- European Para Championships (4 athletes, 1 coach)
- Paris 2023 WPT GP (3 athletes, 1 coach)
- Veracruz 2023 WPT GP and World Championships (5 athletes, 1 coach)

3

Ahmad Rafiq Aldaji (Refugee Athlete)

- WT President's Cup Europe (K44 M -70kg)
- Turkish Para Taekwondo Open (K44 M -70kg)

Budget



Allocated Budget:
USD 5,000 Per MNA/Per Event
USD 1,000 Per Athlete
Funds allocated on a case-by-case basis depending on the application.

**USD
24,682**

**Total
Expenditure**

Conclusion

The World Taekwondo (WT) Development Program is a practical initiative orientated towards the global growth of Taekwondo. Managed by the Member Relations & Development Department, it consists of nine programs, including equipment provision, financial support, scholarships, and targeted initiatives like the Refugee Solidarity Program, WT Cares Program, and Para Taekwondo Development Funds. These efforts aim to boost stakeholder capabilities, encourage global participation, and nurture talent across different levels.

The 2023 report highlights important achievements, with 35 Member National Associations (MNAs), 5 Continental Unions (CUs), and 16 athletes benefiting from an allocated budget of USD 1,081,211. However, challenges persist, such as assisting MNAs with visa issues, addressing complexities in aiding refugee athletes, and dealing with delays in equipment provision due to shipping.

Despite these challenges, the Development Program effectively aligns with WT's mission. It strategically allocates funds to meet its goals, reflecting WT's commitment to excellence and inclusiveness. As WT continues its dedication to Taekwondo's global growth, the Development Program plays an important role in achieving these objectives.

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