

# Malta Christian Sports Union 2024



Malta - Bible - Sport - Together



#### our vision

To make disciples for Jesus Christ in every city, community & club across Malta in & through sport.

#### our mission

We come alongside partnerships and teams that serve God's Kingdom in and through sport and fitness in Malta by serving churches, agencies and networks to collaborate more for sustainable & strategic impact.

### **Malta Sport ministry**

The sports ministry in Malta, spearheaded by the KDS, has significantly increased its activities with youth groups and schools. This growth has been so impactful that, for the first time, two part timershave been appointed sports ministers. In addition, attempts have been made to set up an accredited course for sports ministry to further prepare those called for this work. Key individuals have also been identified to support this movement as it aims to evolve into a national movement.

## **GO Sport initiative**

Networking among professional athletes has always been one of our priorities, and after several efforts and visits from Go Sports missionaries, we witnessed significant progress during the December visit. A group of footballers has now engaged and committed to becoming part of a group to pray together and equip themselves to live out their faith in sports. Their aim is to be salt and light for others in the world of high-level sports.

This visit laid the foundation for a clear path to connect, grow, and serve, creating opportunities to disciple athletes. The ultimate goal is to form teams of local athletes who will carry this mission forward, grow in faith, and meet the diverse needs and opportunities within their sports communities



## **Para Sport**

During the year we had the opportunity to enter, especially schools, with different projects and activities to promote para sports. Sports such as blind football and other sports activities led students to experience not only on a physical level but also on a mental and spiritual level how special para games are and how little inclusion there is.

Thanks to ECSU "s support, we were able to procure the necessary equipment for the activities.

Activities that are well received and have led to new connections, hopefully forming a team that can manage it as it all grows



#### needs

- Community Engagement and Networking: Identify key individuals and groups within the community, including committed Christians in sports, leaders, and facilitators, while building strategic connections during the February planning sessions and biannual international gatherings.
- Participation in International Events: Strengthen Malta's participation in biannual gatherings to connect global leaders, fostering opportunities for collaboration, networking, and access to valuable resources.
- Resource and Equipment Development: Secure funding, donations, and sponsorships to support local research, provide essential sports equipment, and ensure logistical support for both local and international initiatives.
- Team and Leadership Development: Recruit, train, and empower volunteers and coordinators to effectively lead Go Play initiatives, promote para-sport engagement, and raise awareness, while ensuring leadership continuity across all sports ministry areas and programs.

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