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APAID registration in France

On September 25th 2008, APAID received its official registration letter delivered by the French government. Since APAID has its office in France, it was required to register there as non-profit association. This does not change anything in the work we are doing. The statutes of the Dutch APAID foundation and the French APAID association are similar. The current board members are:

President:	Pierre Bataille
Vice-president:	Steffi de Jong
Secretary:	Thomas Chantereault
Secretary assistant:	Paul Mutsaers
Treasurer:	Rinske de Jong
Treasurer assistant:	Marleen Pullens

The board will be advised by two official APAID advisors:

Research advisor:	Dr. Claire Boursier – Paris University
Project advisor:	Amy Farkas – UNICEF 'sport and development'

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Success in project Kenya

The Kids With Disabilities project in the slum areas of Nairobi is running very well. Monthly, around 200 children with all different kind of disabilities participate in several adapted physical activities at MYSAs head quarters or in one of the 16 MYSAs zones. In addition, approximately 75 community members are reached per week by information meeting and awareness campaigns during the outreach programs. On top of that, one of our volunteers with a disability was selected for the Kenyan national wheelchair basketball team.

Another 13 recreation days in 9 different MYSAs zones are scheduled until December (when the holiday starts in Kenya). It is expected that again many children and community members will be reached during these activities.

Up to date – fact

80% of all people with disabilities live in developing countries.



APAID founders graduate with credits

On September 17th 2008, Pierre Bataille and Steffi de Jong (APAID founders) graduated for their second Master at Paris University. At that day, Pierre Bataille defended his thesis about physical activity levels of people with disabilities living in the slum areas of Nairobi. Steffi de Jong defended her thesis about quality of life of people with disabilities living in the slum areas of Nairobi. Both of them were marked 17 out of 20 which meant they both passed with credits.

In a later stage, the data collected for these researches will be compared with follow up data in order to evaluate the Kids With Disabilities project.

Good workshop at Beatrix College

An APAID delegation was invited to give workshops at Beatrix College in Tilburg (The Netherlands) the 10th and 11th of August. Three different classes of children aged 13-15 got the opportunity to experience the world of disability and sport. In a time span of two hours, they participated in wheelchair basketball, sitting volleyball and goalball (a sport for people with visual impairments).

The reactions of the participants and teachers were very positive and also the APAID delegation enjoyed the workshops. In return, approximately 20 classes will organize fundraising activities to collect money for APAID!