

ZIFA-MINISTRY OF PRIMARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION **FOOTBALL EDUCATION** REFORM SERIES (1 OF 5)



A Historic Alliance for Football and Education

This first article unpacks how the ZIFA–Ministry of Primary Secondary Education partnership redefines national education by placing football at its moral and developmental core.



"FOOTBALL IS OUR NATION'S **CLASSROOM.**"

- NQOBILE MAGWIZI

This MoU turns sport into α national classroom, shaping disciplined, proud, and skilled citizens.



TEAMWORK BETWEEN MINISTRY & ASSOCIATION

MoPSE:

Access, infrastructure, legitimácy.

ZIFA:

Technical leadership, FIFA integration, development systems.



ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH ACTION

A Joint Implementation Committee meets every quarter to track progress and guide reforms.







FOOTBALL THAT PROTECTS EVERY CHILD

Safeguarding training and focal points in every school guarantee safe and inclusive play environments.



EVERY LEARNER, OFFICIALLY REGISTERED

All school players will be digitally registered in FIFA Connect, ensuring transparency, fair play, and talent tracking."







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TURNING TEACHERS INTO COACHES

Teachers will be trained and certified by ZIFA as coaches and referees, blending education and sport.



STRUCTURED FOOTBALL FOR EVERY AGE

Aligned with school calendars, these age groups form the backbone of new provincial leagues launching 2026.





Implementation spans every province and district ensuring equal access for all learners.



A 5-YEAR NATIONAL COMMITMENT

ZIFA and MoPSE have signed a 5-year agreement to integrate structured football programs into every school across Zimbabwe.



