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## ICC CRICKET FOR GOOD

**Event:** Women in Leadership  
(Pearl Power)

**Venue:** Lakeside Oval, Entebbe

**Participants:** At least 280

**Schools:** 4

**Countries Represented:** 8

**KAMPALA.** At least 300 girls from four secondary schools in Entebbe experienced the basics of cricket during a grassroots activation organised by Cricket Uganda (CU) under the International Cricket Council (ICC) development programme Cricket for Good – Women in Leadership, locally dubbed Pearl Power.

The event took place at the Lakeside Oval, where participants learned batting, bowling and fielding skills from players of the Victoria Pearls as well as coaches and players from Under-19 teams competing in the ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup Africa Division II Qualifier.

According to CU Development Man-

# Victoria Pearls inspire 280 girls in Entebbe cricket clinic

ager Davis Turinawe, the objective was to introduce girls to Criio cricket while creating a pathway for future participation.

"We are trying to introduce the game to these girls by going through the basics. We are lucky to have received assistance from the Victoria Pearls, who are all Level One coaches," Turinawe said who was flanked by CU Women's Representative on the Board Lelia Namaganda Ondeko.

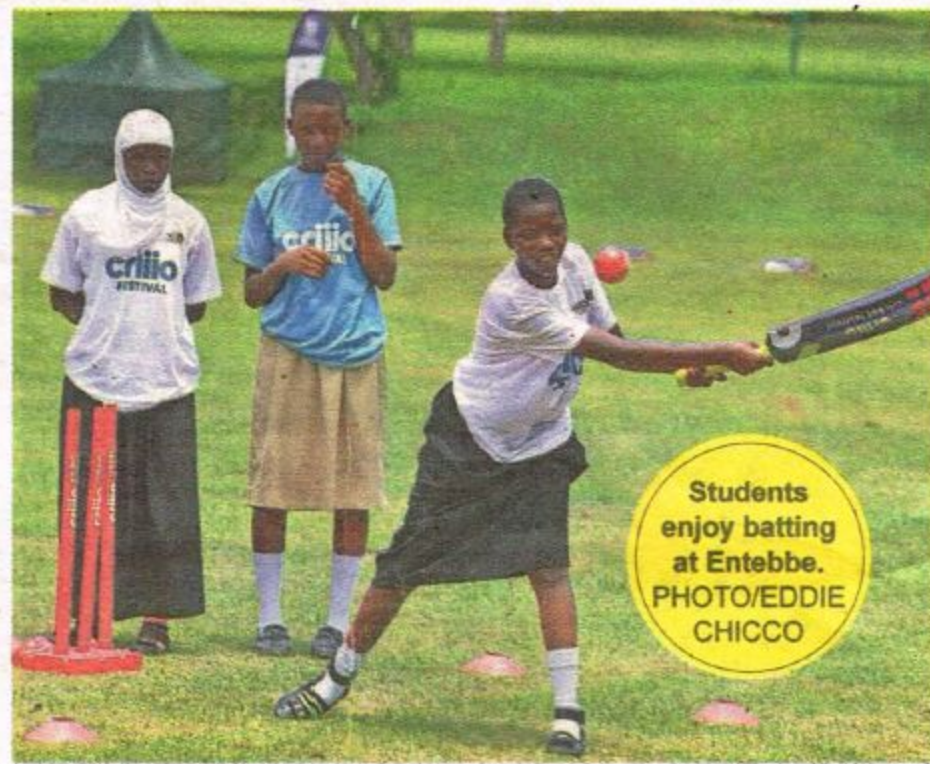
## Integration

Regional Development Officer for Kampala Metropolitan, Entebbe and Wakiso District Michael Grace Ndiko explained that the programme also integrates leadership development for young girls.

"Today's activity focused on women in leadership while giving young girls an opportunity to experience cricket under the ICC Cricket for Good initiative," Ndiko said.

**Talent pathway**

Ndiko revealed that the exercise also served as a talent identification plat-



form. "We have already identified a few girls with promising talent and will follow them up through our coaching hubs. Some could progress to Uganda's

Under-19 team and eventually the Victoria Pearls," he noted.

The participating schools included Entebbe Air Force Secondary School,

Entebbe Secondary School, Entebbe Parents Secondary School, and Comprehensive Secondary School.

Players and coaches from Under-19 teams of Malawi, Sierra Leone, Kenya, and Mozambique also participated in the mentorship sessions alongside Shuya Pads who aren't intentional about keeping the game clean and healthy.

## Girls inspired

Victoria Pearls player Phiona Egaru Kulume said the interaction was both enjoyable and inspiring.

"Personally I'm very excited to be here. The young girls have had fun and hopefully they have learnt something. It's nice to show them what cricket is all about and inspire them," she said.

Student Daisy Cathy Nakyeeese added that the event allowed her to meet new friends while learning a new sport.

"Playing Criio cricket today has been fun and enjoyable. We have met girls from different schools and made new friends. We also got new t-shirts," she said with an inspired tone.