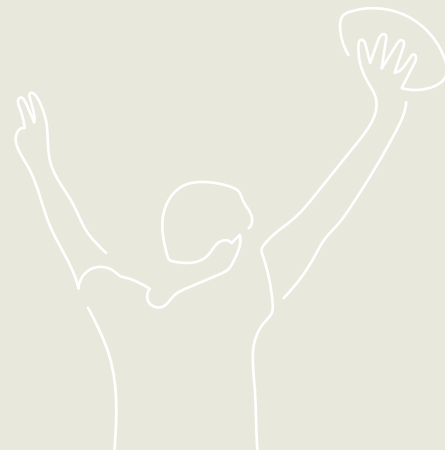


SPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

Rugby for Peace quotes



"In rugby, we learn that just as in life, when we fall, we have to get up."

"[Coaches] are sowing the seed that playing fair does pay, that doing things right pays, and that we can win by doing things well, without cheating, without fighting...we can still win."

"A phrase that made an impact on me when I started coaching was 'The future of children is worth every sacrifice.' And it's true."

"In a rugby match, you're trying to go forward and someone's trying to stop you: to take your ball, to knock you down... But you don't leave the game over that. You get up and move on. In life we also sometimes have to fall. There are going to be situations, maybe people, jobs, that are going to tackle us, that are going to knock us down. And we have to get up, shake ourselves off, and keep going forward."

"I am sure that through [Rugby for Peace] we can continue to snatch children away from the conflict, from poverty, from sadness, from inequality, from so many bad things that we have in Chocó, in Colombia, in the world."

"One more kid [involved with Rugby for Peace] is one less kid on the streets."

- COACH CAROLINA, PARTNER



"The Rugby for Peace methodology is about peaceful coexistence, communities living together in harmony. So bringing all the different training groups together [for the tournament] is fundamental."

"Rugby for Peace's target is mainly young people – to keep them away from some of the alternatives they might get involved with if they think there's no more opportunities left for them."

"[Indigenous] young people can be involved, it doesn't matter what your abilities are. People with disabilities are involved, people from different backgrounds are involved, and that's really important. It has to be inclusive to all."

- MARK, SCIAF



"You win by playing as a team."

- CAMILO, PLAYER



"We are giving [the young people] a new opportunity, new tools in their day-to-day life. So, we're not just strengthening values, we're working on how they can deal with conflict resolution in a peaceful way."

"What we know is that with rugby as a tool we can change people's lives."

- GONZALO, PARTNER



"[Young people] get exposed to a lot of bad stuff, but this game makes the kids fill up with something positive. Something that helps them progress for their own good."

"[The tournament] is very important because these games encourage children to see a better future for themselves, a better tomorrow. It's so important that they feel that people care about their future."

- MARGARITA, CAMILO'S GRANDMOTHER



"[Young people] are living in a constant struggle between all the risks that you can think of. Main utilities are not constant, health is a problem, water sanitation is a problem, education is a problem, job opportunities are a problem, violence is a problem, drinking among adults is a problem too."

"We want [the young people] to perceive themselves differently, making them see something else from what they've seen growing up."

"What we want to do with Rugby for Peace is to make a more peaceful living for the kids who are growing up in Colombia: change [their] lives through sport."

- LUCAS, PARTNER