



## WOMEN'S SPORTS CORPS

*Women's Sports Corps (WSC) is an elite fellowship opportunity that mobilizes select post-collegiate female athletes to advance gender equity through sport globally. Fellows work directly with community based, sport for social change organizations in Africa, Asia, and Latin America to strengthen their girls' sport programs, promote female coaching and fill a vital need for more female athlete role models in communities around the world.*

*During this experience, WSC Fellows contribute to the growth of girls sports programs, support leadership opportunities for local female coaches, contribute to the mission of their host organization, and further develop their own leadership skills while transitioning from athletes to global sport advocates and ambassadors.*

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**Position:** Women's Sports Corps Fellow

**Host Organization:** Moving the Goalposts

**Placement Site:** Kilifi, Kenya

**Dates:** 5-10 months, rolling start date

Women's Sports Corps (WSC) is seeking motivated, detail-oriented, self-starters to serve as Fellows at Moving the Goalposts' (MTG) program in Kilifi, Kenya. MTG is a football-for-good organization whose mission is to positively influence communities by working with them to provide skills and opportunities for girls and young women to achieve their full potential through football. By creating a safe space for girls and young women to understand and claim their rights, MTG supports women and girls to take on leadership roles and have a voice in the society. Since their founding, MTG has reached more than 9,000, girls and young women ages 9-25 in Kilifi, Kwale, Mombasa, and Tana River counties. Learn more at: <https://www.mtgk.org/>

### **Role of a WSC Fellow:**

Women's Sport Corps Fellows are select female athletes and coaches who have the desire and skill-set to share their experience, knowledge, and expertise with sport-for-development organizations as well as the passion to support the development of girls' sport programs and female coaching pipelines. Fellows placed at MTG will have the opportunity to:

- Support MTG and local partners in growing and developing girls' soccer, leadership, and educational programming
- Work directly with youth and adolescent girls' teams as a mentor-coach, serving as a positive role model and example of female leadership
- Support the development and training of future female coaches in local communities
- Provide other supports and activities within your skill set and in service to MTG's mission and programs
- Develop their personal leadership and explore future career paths

### **Responsibilities of a WSC Fellow:**

WSC Fellows will take on a variety of responsibilities and projects throughout the year that further the mission and impact of Soccer Without Borders. Fellows will also Women's Sports Corps. These responsibilities may include:

- Planning, organizing, and delivering soccer and leadership clinics in partnership with MTG and local partners
- Coaching girls' soccer teams including organizing practices, matches, tournaments
- Leading off-field leadership, teambuilding, and educational programming
- Collaborating with and mentoring young women who aspire to be (or already on the pathway to becoming) local sports coaches both at MTG and through community outreach
- Engaging with local organizations, governments, and community members to support and promote girls' sports programming
- Engaging in curated activities and reflections (facilitated by WSC) that will allow Fellows to explore and further develop their personal leadership
- Keeping a weekly/monthly blog for WSC that highlights their experiences, struggles, observations, and successes

- Supporting MTG in other areas of work related to: Monitoring & Evaluation, English Language Development, Educational & Life Skills Curriculum Design, Leadership Development Workshops, Volunteer Coordination, Facility Management, Marketing & Communications, Community Outreach, or Partnership Development

**Time Commitment:** WSC Fellows will serve in a full time capacity for 5-10 months. Exact start and end dates will be discussed with the Fellow, WSC support staff, and MTG.

**Training & Support:** Prior to departure, WSC Fellows receive training facilitated by WSC support staff. Throughout their time in country, WSC Fellows also receive ongoing support from WSC support staff as well as their host organization through periodic check-ins, staff reviews, and opportunities to collaborate across host sites. As a part of the WSC 2019-2020 cohort, Fellows also gain access to crucial professional development opportunities ranging from skill development workshops to connecting with the broader WSC network during and after their service.

**Compensation:** Women's Sports Corps provides Fellows with modest living & housing stipends adjusted for their host site and country, \$500 towards healthcare, coverage of visa/work permit costs, as well as 1 flight to their host site & 1 return flight upon completion of the fellowship.

**Apply:** Applications will be reviewed and candidates will be notified of acceptance on a rolling basis. Interested candidates can learn more and submit an application at <https://www.soccerwithoutborders.org/womens-sports-corps>. Please reach out to Jenn Bell ([jenn@soccerwithoutborders.org](mailto:jenn@soccerwithoutborders.org)) with any questions.