**Project title:** Moving from Monitoring and Evaluation to Research in Sport for Social Change

**Background / rationale:** The popularity of sport and its capacity as a platform to connect people makes it a mechanism with potential to address a range of social issues and international development goals. Over the past two decades, international sport for development and social change (S4SD/C) has emerged as a new and exciting vehicle for community and social development, including health promotion. Sport has been recognised by the United Nations as a positive tool to enhance cross-cultural interaction, break down social and cultural barriers and promote social cohesion. Sport for social development and social change S4SD initiatives aim to engage people from disadvantaged communities in physical activity projects that have an overarching aim of creating and maximising positive social impact, including aspects of social inclusion and cohesion.

Inherent in most S4SD/C programs are significant challenges to effective monitoring and evaluation. The Creating Chances program run in partnership with the SPHCM has been progressively developing its monitoring and evaluation systems. This ILP student will work with the M & E and CC programme delivery teams to further develop these systems such that on-going M & E will be able to capture and measure impact overtime. See [http://footballunited.org.au/](http://footballunited.org.au/) and [http://www.creatingchances.org.au/](http://www.creatingchances.org.au/) for information about the programs.

**Aim:** The overall aim is to work with the M & E and CC programme delivery teams to further develop their current systems such that on-going M & E will be able to capture and measure impact overtime, providing a base for future research.

**Objective:** The purpose of this task 1) to perform a systematic review of sport for social change programs across the world which have succeeded in developing a sustainable funding mechanism to support their work; 2) An analysis framework will be developed which will be shared with program directors such that their case studies may be written to address the specifics of sustainable funding mechanisms.

**Methods:** conduct a literature review on evaluation and M&E mechanisms in S4SD/C followed by further research and piloting to develop a modified M & E system that will be implemented across all future CC programs.

**Anticipated outcomes / significance:** a new, easy to manage M & E system will be adapted and implemented with the CC program, as well as submission of a paper for publication.

**Timeframe:** Within the ILP year time framework

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