



2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Overview of 2025

In 2025, the FIVB Volleyball Foundation marked a significant milestone by completing its first full year of operations and expanding its global impact. Established in May 2024, the Foundation continues to advance its vision of “a greater world shaped by volleyball” by supporting projects that promote wellbeing, inclusion, empowerment and social development through sport.

During the year, the Foundation approved a total of six projects, with four already active across different regions. These initiatives collectively engaged 13,891 players and mobilised 444 volunteers, demonstrating the growing reach and relevance of volleyball as a tool for positive social development. Women and girls represented 36% of all participants, reflecting continued efforts toward gender inclusion and equality.

The Foundation allocated CHF 220,867 in grants during 2025, enabling partner organisations to expand programming, strengthen local capacity and deliver measurable outcomes in their communities. Across all projects, a consistent focus has been placed on youth development,

education access, gender equality and empowerment, community cohesion and social inclusion.

This report highlights how Foundation-supported programmes are delivering tangible impact. From grassroots leagues in India to education-focused academies in Kenya and psychosocial support initiatives in Jordan, each project demonstrates the versatility of volleyball as a platform for positive change.

Looking ahead, the Foundation is well positioned to build on this momentum, further leveraging volleyball's global reach to connect, serve and inspire communities worldwide.



Brahmaputra Volleyball League - India

The Brahmaputra Volleyball League (BVL) in India is one of the world's largest grassroots volleyball programmes, engaging thousands of children across Assam. Built as a community-led initiative by former India men's team captain and recent Global Winner of the 2025 IOC Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Champions Awards Abhijit Bhattacharya, the league operates across 32 districts and is driven by local ownership, with villages organising teams, matches and events.

In 2025, BVL expanded significantly, reaching over 10,000 players, supported by 400 volunteers, with 35% participation from women and girls. The programme recorded 401 teams and 780 matches over a four-month season, highlighting both scale, consistency and success of delivery. Its structure, based on a home-and-away format, strengthens community identity while fostering collaboration and shared responsibility.

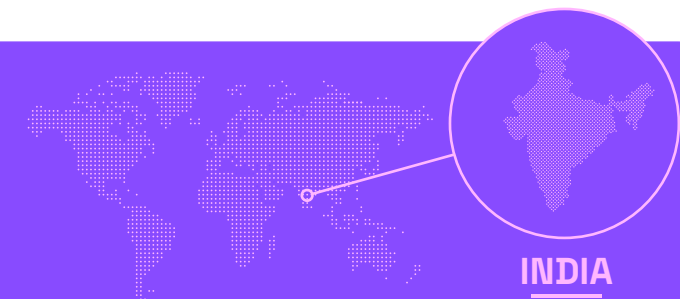
Beyond the volleyball court, BVL integrates social development initiatives. The programme achieved 99% school attendance among participants and reported zero instances of child marriage within its ecosystem. Female participation has grown nearly tenfold since inception, reflecting increased trust, acceptance and enjoyment within the communities it serves.

Also in 2025, the BVL implemented menstrual hygiene education, distributed essential supplies and partnered with UNICEF to train youth ambassadors on climate change and child rights. Environmental actions, including tree planting and sustainable materials usage, further reinforce its holistic approach to having a positive impact on the areas it operates within.



Brahmaputra Volleyball League demonstrates how locally driven sport systems can generate meaningful and sustained social change.

Brahmaputra Volleyball League



Githurai Kimbo Volleyball Academy – Kenya

The Githurai Kimbo Volleyball Academy (GKA) in Kenya provides a structured environment where young people from Nairobi's Eastlands informal settlements can access education, mentorship and volleyball training. The programme addresses social challenges such as poverty, limited access to education and lack of safe recreational spaces.

In 2025, the academy engaged over 150 players, supported by 10 volunteers, with women and girls representing 33% of participants. The Foundation's support enabled the delivery of 31 academic scholarships, ensuring 100% school continuity among beneficiaries and improved academic performance.

GKA also strengthened its coaching capacity, with 8 volunteer coaches receiving Level 1 certification, 5 of whom are former Academy participants. Training sessions have expanded significantly, with children travelling up to 10 kilometres to attend, demonstrating strong demand and community trust.



Githurai Kimbo Volleyball Academy



The programme has achieved notable success in competitive pathways, including school championship victories and the identification of talent for national-level development. One athlete was selected for the Kenya U20 Women's National Team, highlighting the potential for long-term impact.

An individual impact story illustrates the programme's effectiveness: a participant facing challenges at home transitioned to boarding school where they could also play volleyball, resulting in improved academic results and overall wellbeing.

Githurai Kimbo Volleyball Academy continues to demonstrate how integrated sport and education programmes can create sustainable opportunities for youth.



Generations for Peace – Jordan

The Generations for Peace (G4P) Sport for Protection Volleyball Programme in Jordan supports displaced youth through structured sport activities combined with psychosocial support. Delivered in Zarqa, the programme focuses on improving the mental health of participants, fostering social cohesion and promoting inclusion.

In 2025, the initiative engaged 100 participants, supported by eight trained facilitators, with equal gender representation. The programme is designed as an eight-month cycle, integrating volleyball sessions with trauma-informed approaches and experiential learning activities that help participants to build trust, resilience and communication skills.

Facilitators received specialised training in mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), safeguarding and conflict transformation. The programme also includes structured monitoring and evaluation, using tools such as WHO-5, a World Health Organisation self-report instrument measuring mental well-being, and wellbeing assessments to track outcomes.

Participants benefit not only from sport but also from a safe and consistent environment where they can rebuild confidence and establish meaningful relationships. Community engagement is a key component, with parents and caregivers involved in awareness sessions that strengthen support systems.



Generations for Peace (G4P)



The programme has demonstrated measurable impact, with participants reporting increased confidence, improved emotional wellbeing and stronger social connections. By combining sport with structured psychosocial support, Generations for Peace provides a scalable model for addressing complex humanitarian challenges.

Oltre la Rete/ Beyond the Net – Ethiopia

Beyond the Net (BTN) in Ethiopia is a multi-year programme designed to reach more than 3,000 children by integrating volleyball into school systems and strengthening community development. The initiative combines sport, education and infrastructure improvements to create sustainable impact.

In 2025, volleyball activities were delivered to approximately 3,000 students across schools in Shallala, Orde and Maldo. The programme included both practical training sessions and theoretical education for local teachers, building long-term capacity within the education system.

Teacher training focused on physical education, inclusion, leadership and gender equality, ensuring that volleyball is embedded as a tool for broader development. Regular practice sessions and tournaments have increased student engagement and participation.

Infrastructure development played a critical role, with the installation of solar streetlights improving safety and extending the hours available for study and sport. These improvements have contributed to safer public spaces, increased social interaction and greater inclusion, particularly for women and children.

Equipment provision, including volleyballs, nets and courts, has further supported programme delivery and sustainability.

Oltre la Rete/ Beyond the Net



Beyond the Net demonstrates how integrating sport into education systems can enhance both learning outcomes and community wellbeing.



Approved Projects – Vanuatu & Tanzania

In 2025, the FIVB Volleyball Foundation expanded its portfolio by approving new projects in Vanuatu and Tanzania, further strengthening its global reach and commitment to inclusive development through sport.

Volley4Change

In Vanuatu, the Volley4Change initiative focuses on promoting gender equality, inclusion and community cohesion. The programme creates safe spaces for women, girls and people with disabilities, while engaging families across both urban and remote areas. Through thematic workshops on leadership, nutrition and inclusion, participants gain practical skills that extend beyond sport.

The initiative also introduces a structured pathway from participation to coaching and refereeing, supporting long-term engagement and leadership development. Inclusive physical activity modules, such as adapted volleyball formats, ensure accessibility for all participants, while para-volleyball is integrated as a standard practice.

She Wish to play

In Tanzania, the “She Wish to Play” initiative aims to improve access to volleyball and education for girls in Moshi, Kilimanjaro. The programme combines sports training with personal development and academic support, empowering participants to build confidence and pursue opportunities.

A comprehensive needs assessment is planned to guide implementation, ensuring that the programme responds effectively to local conditions and challenges.

These newly approved projects reflect the Foundation’s continued commitment to addressing diverse social needs through volleyball.



Global

In 2025, the FIVB Volleyball Foundation expanded its global presence by supporting major international events and community engagement initiatives, reinforcing its mission to connect, serve, and inspire through volleyball.

A central pillar of this effort was the 2025 Volleyball Experience initiatives, led by FIVB, which reached more than 45,000 people across three major events: the FIVB Women's Volleyball World Championship in Thailand, the FIVB Men's Volleyball World Championship in the Philippines, and the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships in Adelaide, Australia.

These activations formed part of a broader FIVB strategy to engage audiences beyond the traditional spectator experience, creating more inclusive and participatory ways for people to connect with the sport, such as try-out sessions or player meet and greets. For the Foundation, these tournaments - among the most significant moments in the international volleyball calendar - provided a unique platform to amplify its vision, mission, and programmes to a truly global and diverse audience. By bringing together athletes, fans, and host communities, they created an environment where the Foundation's work could be experienced first-hand.

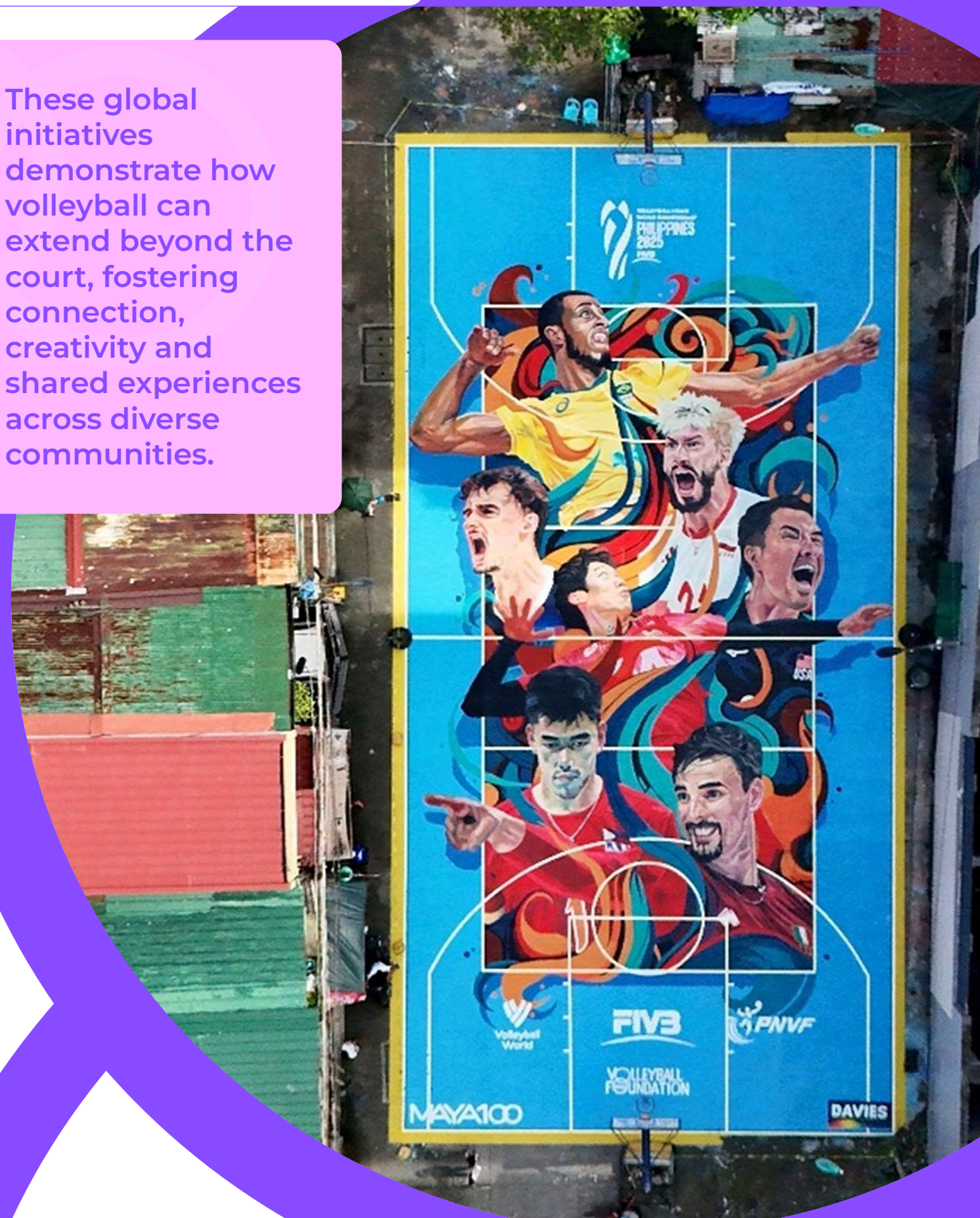
In addition, the Volleyball Legacy Art Project formed part of the Men's Volleyball World Championship activations in the Philippines, with the FIVB Volleyball Foundation among those supporting it. The project transformed a public volleyball court into a large-scale mural - a visual celebration of the sport and its players, created by local urban artist Maya Carandang.

Importantly, the court remained a functioning space after the championship ended, continuing to serve the local community as a place to play. That combination of creative impact and practical legacy aligned well with the Foundation's broader goals around grassroots engagement and community connection.



Global

These global initiatives demonstrate how volleyball can extend beyond the court, fostering connection, creativity and shared experiences across diverse communities.



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