

Swiss arrive Friday for U-12 soccer project

FOOTBALL

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A group of Swiss nationals is expected to arrive in the country tomorrow to assess the Martin Shaer Foundation project, which equips Under-12 football players in Chemusa Township, Blantyre with football skills.

The Martin Schaer project started five years ago in the area and is coordinated by Kabula Development Association.

The Association manager Henry Dzinkambani said preparations to host their partners were at an advanced stage.

"We will hold a special event on Saturday to showcase the talent, which has been discovered through this initiative," he said.

Dzinkambani said they were excited to host their international partners.

"They have been very supportive to us and we really appreciate their support. They usually monitor the project," he said.

Meanwhile, Under-12 football competition started on Monday and the finals are expected to take place on Saturday.

One of the coaches in the area Christopher Huseni said over 10 teams were participating in the competition.

"Most of the teams have been encouraged to join the competition because of the support we get from Martin Schaer Foundation. Teams receive uniforms and other equipment as prizes," he said.

Another coach Paul Mgogodo praised the project.

He said they were coaches who underwent a coaching course last year.

"It was conducted by Heinz Gmur who equipped us with knowledge on how to train youngsters," he said.