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Introduction

This report summarizes the 2023 summer season of programming that took place at the Fiers et Forts Skatepark in Tamesloht, Morocco, from July 1st 2023 - September 10th 2023. The Fiers et Forts Skatepark is a project in partnership with the children's home, Centre Fiers et Forts. With extreme heat of up to 50°C, the skatepark adapted its programming alongside the weather circumstances: activities were executed when the heat allowed it. Programming was geared towards the children of the children's home, as well as youth from the surrounding community and consisted of 3 programmes:

Open Skate Sessions.

During certain time slots in the week, children could come to skate at supervised skate sessions. Children could skate and challenge themselves at their own pace, whilst being encouraged and supported by the skatepark staff.

Enrichment Activities.

The CJF Morocco team organized a variety of educational activities & workshops to expose the participants to different learning opportunities and bonding experiences.

Excursions.

Children were taken outside their known habitat of the skatepark to explore new environments together.

The majority of this season was organized and executed by Kamal Chakour, the Skatepark Manager of Concrete Jungle Foundation Morocco. The last 2 weeks of the season he received support from Hanota, the Head Teacher and Tim van Asdonck, CJF's Programmes Director.

Data was collected on all programmes and will be presented in the following report, concluded with recommendations for the next seasons of programming. All student names in this report have been changed or removed to protect service users.

This season reached a total of 45 children, of whom 42% were girls.

1/ Open Skate Sessions

The Fiers et Forts Skatepark hosted open skate sessions for the children from the centre. Supervisors from CJF are present during these sessions to ensure a safe and positive environment for all. The supervisors offer help and guidance to students whenever needed. These sessions are mixed session between children from the centre and the surrounding community.

Open Skate Sessions



What went down in the Open Skate Sessions?

32 Open Skate Sessions were organised this season with an average attendance of 11 people per session. The total attendance in Open Skate Sessions added up to 350 this season. 57% of the participants were boys and 43% were girls.

This season, no injuries were recorded during Open Skate Sessions.



Open Skate Session Attendance



Open Skate Sessions

In the open skate sessions, we usually do a game or a lap of the skatepark to warm up. Afterwards, everybody plays freely in the skatepark. Teachers are on hand to help everyone who needs or wants support, both in general and/or when wanting to learn new tricks. Sometimes we play games and also have the teachers skate with the kids, because our goal is just to make the children happy.

"I am so happy because I learned to skateboard. Now, skateboarding is in my heart" - Bruno, Student





Challenges and Improvements

The main challenge this season was that, for the almost the entirity of summer, we only had one member of staff, Kamal.

In the future, we will look into having more staff on board, to support delivery over the summer period.

2/ Enrichment Activities

The CJF Morocco team utilised the Fiers et Forts skatepark to run Enrichment Activities during the summer period. In these sessions, activities outside of skateboarding were offered to expose participants to different learning opportunities and create bonding experiences for the community.

These sessions often included an external workshop teacher with different fields of expertise, to engage the participants in exploring their interests and potential and learning new skills.



Photo from a bench making workshop, with Winwood, from the Hot Stone Project.

Enrichment Activities



Enrichment Attendance



What went down in the Enrichment Activities?

2 Enrichment Activities were organised this season with an average attendance of 15.5 people per session. Enrichment sessions were mixed group sessions, with both young people from the Centre and the surrounding community. The total attendance in for these sessions added up to 31 this season. The programme reached a total of 20 unique users, 60% (12) of the visitors were boys and 40% (8) were girls.

The following subjects were covered in the sessions:

- ----- Woodwork Workshop: Winwood from the Hot Stone Project came to the Fiers et Forts Skatepark and taught the children how to build a DIY bench. This included how to cut and sand the wood and then assemble the bench. These benches now live in the skatepark.
 - Gardening Session: The children harvested some of the vegetables from the skatepark garden and planted new seeds to grow more.





3/ Excursions

A total of 3 excursions were executed this summer season. 2 street skating sessions were organized by the skatepark staff and 1 additional excursion, where the kids went to explore a more natural environment: they went into nature to collect berries.

Street skating sessions

2 street skate sessions were organized by the skatepark staff: children were taken outside the center to explore the urban environment with their skateboards. Participants were extremely excited for these outings.

Berry picking sessions

We all walked for a while to explore and find a field to pick some wild berries. After picking, we sat and ate together and then we went back the skatepark with our jars filled to the brim. The children said they really enjoyed doing something other than skateboarding, together as a group.







This summer we did a total of 3 excursions, the attendance is below:

- Total attendance: 29
 - 8 girls attendances (23%)
 - 21 boys attendances (77%)
- Average session attendance: 10
- Unique participants: 13



Expenses

In the following, you find a breakdown of the costs of CJF Morocco to run this season of programming. The total cost of this season was **\$1,503 USD.**



Items	Cost (USD)
CJF Payroll	\$623
Accommodation	\$222
Skatepark WiFi	\$58
Programme Development	\$600
TOTAL	\$1,503

Breakdown of finances, Summer 2023

CJF Payroll (\$623 USD)

This season, 2 local staff members were employed to execute the programming activities. Staff were paid on a monthly basis.

Accommodation (\$222 USD)

A house in Tamesloht was rented for staff members to live at, these costs consist of rent and utility bills.

Skatepark WiFi (\$58 USD)

These costs included payments for wifi at the skatepark, to allow staff to complete and file session reports online. As well as delivering content on social media.

Programme Development (\$600 USD)

These include the costs of monitoring, evaluating and learning (MEL) and reporting on the programmes implemented at the Fiers et Forts Skatepark. More specifically:

- Designing the programmes that run at the Fiers et Forts Skatepark based on the needs and resources available
- Supporting the implementation of the programmes at the Fiers et Forts Skatepark
- Developing structures to collect data on the implementation of designed programmes
- Evaluating and reporting on the collected data through monthly reports and a seasonal report
- Further developing the programmes currently running, and assessing the needs for implementation of additional programmes.
- Making the expenses to support staff in their positions and the project in general and administration of finances.

Funding

This season was funded by CJFamily, New Line Skateparks, and The Skateroom.



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5/ Recommendations

This was the programming for Summer 2023 at the Fiers et Forts Skatepark.

In the following, statements you can find a summary of the recommendations that came forward from this summer, to improve the working structure for the next seasons, and consolidate the impact of CJF Morocco further.

Increase of motivation after break

When the kids come back after the break of inter-season, they have a lot of motivation and they just want to skate.
It's good to remind them that they have to go step by step, and to structure the first classes with a step-by-step approach.

Non skate community activities

It was really nice to do something together with the skate community, that was not skateboarding. It helps to grow the relationship between the kids and teachers, and the kids friendships between each other, too. The berry picking workshop is a great example of this: everyone enjoyed spending time together away from the skatepark. We will try to do more activities like this next summer!





