



WORLD CUP LEGACY PROGRAMME

NET2019, ARGENTINA

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OVERVIEW

The Net2019 legacy programme was developed as a three year initiative funded by UK Sport and delivered by England Netball in partnership with World Netball.

Zambia and Argentina were the two countries selected to be involved, and this report will look at the progress made within Argentina since the Net2019 project began, as well as the impact it is continuing to have on the country.

The vision was to empower women and girls through the power of netball and the Netball World Cup 2019, which was hosted in Liverpool.

The project itself spanned over three years from 2017 -2019, but future goals were also set to ensure the legacy continued on long after the Netball World Cup 2019.



PARTNERS

Four partner organisations shared the responsibilities for the design, management and delivery of this project. Their roles were identified as follows:

UK Sport

UK Sport funded the project through its IPP, providing strategic expertise and experience from previous legacy projects. UK Sport also provided advisory support as well as a more hands-on contribution throughout the project.

World Netball

World Netball (WN) is the world governing body for netball and project activities were strategically aligned with WN's priorities.

England Netball

England Netball was responsible for management and delivery and, providing resource for the project's activities, including coaches and tutors.

Netball Association of Argentina

The Netball Association of Argentina guided the project scope and activities in Argentina, including project planning, local implementation, and communication and engagement with local stakeholders.

OVERALL OBJECTIVES

The objectives were firstly identified for the entire project Net2019, and were as follows:

Coach and official development

Improve the knowledge and skills of those involved in the game including coaches and officials.

Strategic planning

Build capacity within the National Associations overseas, and help them to develop a clear strategic plan for the future.

Talent identification

Improve and strengthen talent pathways, from participation in the local community through to young leaders and the national team.

Stakeholder management

Build and strengthen productive relationships built on trust and understanding between stakeholders in an international context, to promote a sustainable legacy.

Framework for the exchange of knowledge and technical input

Establish a platform between England Netball, WN and the overseas federations.

GOALS

Once the objectives were set for the overall legacy project, goals were set for the specific countries. These were the goals set for Argentina:

Workforce development

To identify, train and sign off WN Level 1 Coaching Award tutors with aspiration to deliver WN Level 2 Awards in year 3.

Sport participation

To deliver WN Level 1 Coaching Award, Introduction to Scouting and Selection, and Netball Curriculum and Schools Workshop.

Organisational development

To develop a strategic plan and widen sports relationships.

Knowledge exchange

To identify and fund the attendance of Argentinian coaches at a Coaching and Officiating Conference.

Resource accessibility

To translate resources into Spanish for coaches and send over to Argentina.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

When these goals were identified, it meant that more specific objectives for Argentina could be set.

The specific objectives for Argentina were:

- To support and develop a four-year action plan for Argentina's netball programme (2018-2023).
- To increase Netball Argentina's understanding and application of coach development and coaching infrastructure.
- To enhance the capacity of Netball Argentina and neighbouring South American nations to recruit, retain and train better quality coaches and create a hub from which to develop the game of netball in South America.



WHAT TOOK PLACE?

Three coaching courses took place between 2017 and 2019 and they were delivered by experienced British coaches Anita Navin and Nicky Fuller and the Institutions. The projects took place in the CeNARD (National Sports High Performance Centre), in the City of Buenos Aires.

Throughout the project in Argentina, activities were centred on training groups of school educators who would be able to take away key learnings in order to be able to grow the sport. The structure of this programme was delivering WN accredited training to a group, including sport educators (PE teachers) from schools across Argentina and wider in South America in three consecutive courses.

Here is a breakdown of what happened in each course:

Course 1

The first focused on the WN Introductory Coaching Manual.

Course 2

Course 2 taught coaches new material to broaden their knowledge with practical skills and an opportunity to share their own projects.

Course 3

Course 3 focused around practical work and a final assessment. It was here that several coaches were identified as tutors to lead the Coaching Development in Argentina and Latin America.

WHAT TOOK PLACE?

- The projects in South America also saw men involved in the growth of netball as participants and teachers.
- Activities were centred on identifying and training tutors to WN Level 1 Award with the aspiration to reach Level 2.
- The project also focused on providing support to develop a strategic plan and sports relationships throughout the Region.
- Translations of resources into Spanish for coaches from Argentina was key in making resources accessible to all.
- Promotion of attendance of Argentinian coaches at the Coaching and Officiating Conference at the NWC2019.
- Argentinian Coaches attended the Vitality Netball Superleague opening weekend in 2020 and spent two weeks with Superleague franchises learning high performance coaching skills.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

The project took place between 2017-2019 leading up to the Netball World Cup 2019. Here are some of the key achievements:

Workforce development

- 25 Level 1 coaches were trained from Peru, Uruguay, Paraguay and Brazil at the Regional Hubs in 2017
- By the end of the three years, 54 WN Level 1 coaches had been trained with participants from Peru, Uruguay, Paraguay and Brazil

Sport participation

- In 2017, 14 participants completed the introduction to netball course
- In 2017, Regional hub sites were developed with participants from throughout Argentina.
- In 2018, an Introduction to Netball course was delivered to 12 teachers who were committed to delivering sport in schools

Organisational development

- Gold, silver, bronze country reward systems introduced for coaches not yet at the WN level 1 standard

Knowledge exchange

- In 2018 four lead tutors were identified to continue to provide support across the Region. These four individuals were accredited to deliver Level 1 coach education

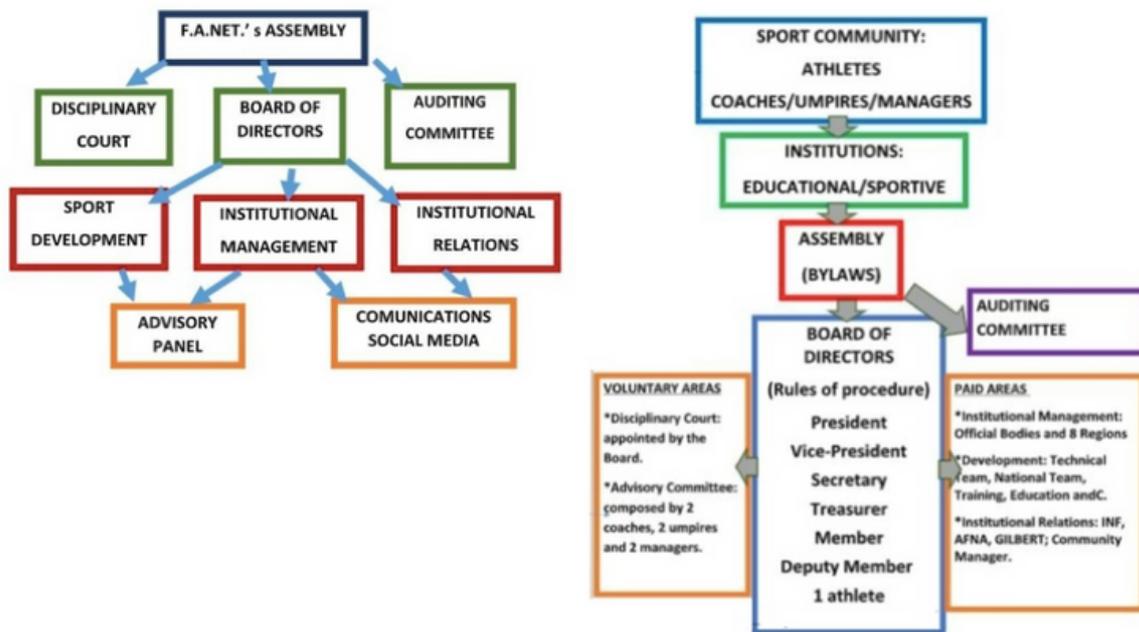
Resource Accessibility

- In 2019 the National Association translated a number of useful England Netball resources into Spanish, including a 12-14 week training programme and two World Netball Manuals

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Another key achievement under the organisational development goal was that the Netball Argentina management structure was changed to the following:

Change of management structure in Netball Argentina



LEARNINGS

- The cascade approach of training sport educators from schools to develop and deliver netball classes in their respective communities was an effective way to quickly and significantly increase participation in Argentina.
- The cohort of coaches being trained to reach WN Level 1 was maintained across three separate visits which helped to support the cascade approach, and for a select group the intention is to take their training further to WN Level 2.
- The high quality translation of all resources into Spanish was extremely successful and will promote long term participation across Spanish speaking nations in South America, with Argentina operating as the hub for netball in the Region.

2019 ONWARDS...

After the 3 year Net2019 project finished, the countries were then set goals for future development up until 2023.

The goals within Argentina were:

- To continue to launch a series of virtual workshops in all Regions of Argentina and Latin America (as part of Latin America Netball networking), with the below countries currently attending:
 - Brazil
 - Colombia
 - Ecuador
 - Estados Unidos
 - Mexico
 - Paraguay
 - Perú
 - Venezuela
- Have the aim to start the South American League and to attend the ODESUR Games and the PANAM Games

IMPACT SO FAR

COVID had an impact on the future goals that were set to be achieved between 2020 and 2023, but some of the future targets set had still been achieved by May 2022:

- In 2020, during the pandemic a virtual course made up of four modules took place, this was aimed at physical education teachers. 309 people attended, with attendees from Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela, and 224 teachers from all provinces of Argentina.
- In 2021, a Americas Netball Introductory Level coaching course was held virtually in Spanish to train Physical Education teachers to become netball coaches. It was made up of two modules, 'Netball at the School' and 'Netball at the Club', 54 teachers from Mexico, Dominican Republic, Chile, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Uruguay, Ecuador, Venezuela and Argentina attended the first two modules.
- Following on from the 2021 virtual course, the first practical element took place in Buenos Aires between the 22nd-25th April 2022, with coaches from different Regions travelling to take part. Further practical courses will be arranged for the remaining virtual course attendees that couldn't attend. The trip, food and accommodation were paid for by the National Secretary of Sports owing to the actions performed by Netball Argentina. Images of the event can be found on the following page.

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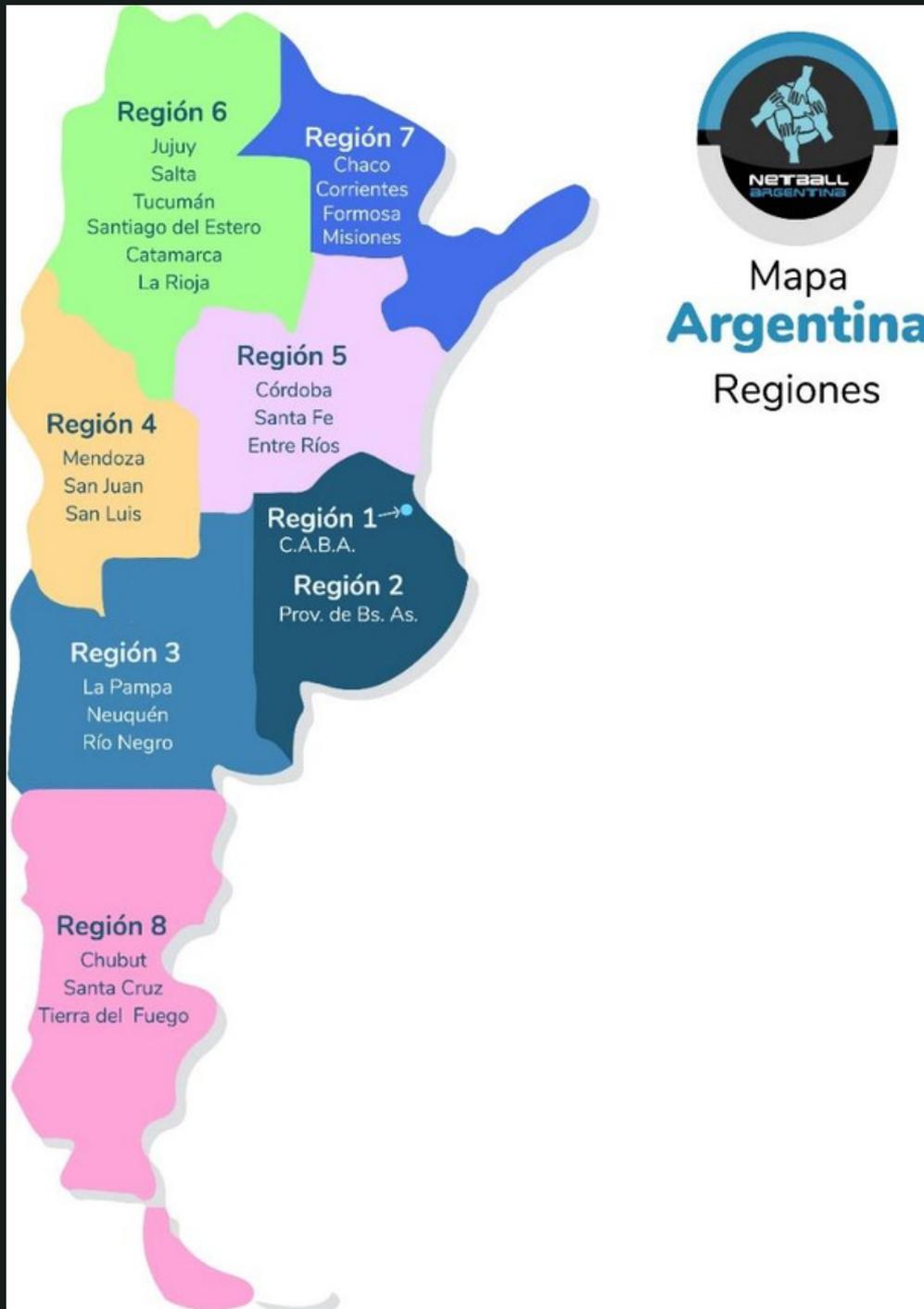


IMPACT SO FAR

- In 2021, 20 coaches passed the theoretical part of the 'Virtual Umpiring Course Level C' delivered by Europe Netball in partnership with Americas Netball. Due to COVID restrictions they are still waiting to do their practical assessment.
- Every year, two of Argentina's coaches, players or representatives complete an advanced course in Sports Management of the Argentinian Olympic Committee endorsed by the International Olympic Solidarity.
- A fourth coaching course wasn't able to take place due to COVID, but the planning is now in place for coaches to complete their Level 2 coaching qualification virtually in May and June 2022.
- Some of the coaches that attended one of the three previous coaching courses that took place between 2017-2019 were then identified as tutors, and each tutor is now in charge of the development and competition of one of the 8 Regions of Argentina.

IMPACT SO FAR

The map below shows the Regions which Argentina has been split into, indicating where each tutor is in charge:



IMPACT SO FAR

- The goal set to start a South American League has been widened, as before the league could be set up the Spanish speaking countries in Central America needed to be reached. In order to do this, Netball Argentina asked Americas Netball if Netball Argentina could be recognised as the Head of the Latin American Network/Subregion, and this was put to a vote in the Americas Netball AGM in 2020. Americas Netball later endorsed the Introductory Coaching course that became of regional value.
- In November 2021, the president of Netball Argentina Mabel Roca, was named as Chair of the Development Committee of Americas Netball and attended the Cali Games in Colombia to promote netball in the Region. Whilst in attendance the link with authorities and referents of the Olympic Committees of countries such as Peru, Paraguay and Bolivia were re-established and contact with the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Aruba, and Ecuador was extended. All these countries are committed to start the activity, requesting as a first step the training of their Physical Education teachers and the equipment to do so. The plan is to send an Argentinian coach (from the group that received training at the Liverpool 2019 Netball World Cup) to the countries that have requested the training.
- Once the South American countries have developed netball, the future is to start the South American League.

IMPACT SO FAR

- In 2022 Netball Argentina will organise an Open Championship and will invite teams from Colombia, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Ecuador and Chile, as prospective participants. Accommodation and food will be provided in a high performance Sport Centre in the City of Buenos Aires.



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