



2024 FIM Africa WIM Commission Last Quarter Report

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Zambia



Challenges:

- 2024 has been a difficult year due to economic struggles and power outages.

Achievements:

- Trained six new women as officials despite limited events.
- Increased participation of girls and women in motocross and off-road events.
- Reintroduced a Ladies Championship class with two new senior participants.
- Promoted peewee bikes through FIM project grants to attract young riders.
- Safety awareness initiatives and plastic recycling projects led by women's clubs.

Highlights:

- Leah Heygate represented Zambia in Morocco and won the WMX class at MXoAN



Podium at the 2024 Championship Awards



Fun at an Off-Road race in Livingstone



Stars of the Future



South Africa



Challenges:

- Insufficient accredited trainers and lack of funding for training programs.
- High costs prevent women from participating in international events.

Achievements:

- Women's class has been well-supported at a national level.
- Promoted young talent by lowering the age limit for the women's class to 12 years.
- Kayla Raaff represented South Africa in international events like Mini O's.
- Consistent promotion of women racers via social media and personal outreach.

Recommendations:

- Funding to support trainer accreditation and participation in international events.
- Sponsorship programs for women racers to ensure long-term growth.



Côte d'Ivoire



Participation:

- Three women are actively competing in the 110cc automatic class.



From L- R: Djibouti Aicha, Dosso Ferima and Dicko Aissata

Kenya



Sporting Activities:

Motocross

- Hosted 8 MX events this season, with 6 consistent female riders in the 50cc and 65cc categories and Atete Benzige competing in the 125cc category. Four additional female riders participated sporadically, with the season concluding at CAC Round 2 / MX9 in Vipingo on December 14-15, 2024. Kenyan female riders excelled at MXoAN 2024: Junior Girls secured 2nd and 3rd places in the MX50 category. Atete Benzige took 3rd place in the WMX category.



Kenya cont.



Enduro:

- An influx of female riders performed impressively: Kayleigh Naan finished 4th overall in the Bronze category. Jematia Kangongo won Junior Class 1. Muthoni Gota and Storm Ogwapit secured 3rd and 4th places overall in Junior Class 2, respectively.

Beyond Sports

Coaching and Training:

Female coaches participated in the MX GP Trainers' Training (August 2024) and the Trainer the Trainers session (September 2024). Two participants will be licensed by MSFK for the 2025 season. Sharon Maingi contributed to the establishment of the Kenya Motorsports Academy.

Kenya cont.



Women Bikers Association (WBA)

Training and Development:

- Conducted a DIY training in April for 15 members to enhance motorcycle maintenance skills.

Advocacy and CSR Initiatives:

May: Partnered with NTSA for road safety campaigns during International Female Ride Day, reaching 300 boda boda riders with safety gear donations. Held mental health awareness sessions for the biking community.



Kenya cont.



July: Supported Namelok Naretoi Home, ensuring 4 girls are in school and engaging in environmental initiatives.

August: Participated in a legendary ride to the Himalayas with 20 Kenyan bikers, showcasing adventure biking.

September: Annual Adventure Ride to Arusha focused on dementia awareness and support for Alzheimer's care.

Collaborative donations to Nyumba ya Wazee in Kasarani with Pearl Bike

October: Partnered with Cancer Café and Rotary Club of Karen to support 50 breast cancer survivors in Nakuru. Activities included socio-economic skills training, donations of 50 knitted prostheses, and financial contributions.



Uganda



Achievements:

Motocross:

- Hosted 8 successful national events, concluding with the championship on November 17th.
- Engaged 16-18 female competitors.

Enduro:

- Organized 4 events, with the final one on December 8th.
- Attracted 3-5 female participants.

International Representation:

- Sent 4 female riders to the MXOAN:
- Hellen Birungi: Junior Ladies Champion
- Sharifa Kateete & Zainab Swansi: Country Division Champions

Uganda cont.



Upcoming Event:

- Preparing for the CAC in Vipingo, Mombasa on December 14-15th.

Challenges:

- Female Officiating: Limited number of female officials despite increased female participation.
- Uganda has a growing number of passionate and eager female participants with great potential, however they lack specialized trainers to help them advance in the sport.

Recommendation:

- Establish mentorship programs to encourage more women to take up officiating roles.
- Incentivize Female Officials with incentives such as stipends, equipment, etc.
- Organize training camps



Training the Trainer Program (Kenya and Uganda)



Overview:

A successful Training The Trainer program was conducted in Kenya (13th - 16th September 2024) and in Uganda (18th - 23rd September 2024), by Andre Dearden.

- Kenya: 17 participants (5 women)
- Uganda: 22 participants (8 women).

Key Outcomes:

- Focused on improved training skills, diet, nutrition, fitness, and first aid.
- Combined practical and theoretical training sessions.
- Widespread media coverage boosted awareness and participation.
- Follow-up WhatsApp groups established for continuous support.

Recommendation:

- Separate Training the Trainer programs from training camps to manage costs effectively.

Way forward:

- To expand the reach of the Training The Trainer program to additional FMN's.



2024 MXoAN (Marrakech, Morocco)



Achievements:

- 12 female competitors participated.
- Leah Heygate (Team Zambia) won the WMX class.
- Helena Birungi (Team Uganda) won the Junior Ladies championship.
- Team Uganda won the Ladies Country Division.

A big congratulations to all the class winners and podium finishers.

Highlights:

- The Junior Ladies Championship was introduced with positive feedback.

Challenges:

- High travel and logistical costs limited participation.



2025 Plans



1. Exploring the possibility of bringing the next Training The Trainer program to Zambia, Mauritania, or West Africa
2. Implement the Women's Participation Checklist as a way of encouraging women's participation both as competitors and officials.
3. Prepare for the Women's Championship Cup in Australia (March 2025).
4. Organize training camps for women.
5. Seek sponsorship for women and girls to overcome financial challenges.
6. Promote WIM initiatives via social media.

Conclusion



Despite some challenges, the last quarter has had significant progress in promoting women in motorcycling across Africa. With continued support and strategic funding, the commission aims to build on these achievements in 2025

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