



## Visit of HRH Crown Princess to the National Taekwondo and Kickboxing Federation of Tajikistan, 24 October 2014

**23-25 October 2014** - Her Royal Highness the Crown Princess Mary of Denmark visited Tajikistan as the Patron of the two UN sister agencies: WHO Regional Office for Europe and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

As part of her three-day official visit, Her Royal Highness the Crown Princess Mary met with high-level officials, including representatives of the Government, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Health and Social protection of the population, UN and donor community, health workers, etc.



On 24<sup>th</sup> of October Her Royal Highness the Crown Princess Mary of Denmark paid a visit to the National Taekwondo and Kickboxing Federation (NTF), the partner of UNFPA CO



Tajikistan. In the course of her discussion with Mr. Mirsaid Yahyaev, the President of the NTF, UNSG Goodwill Ambassador issues of gender-based violence in Tajikistan and ways to address violence against girls and women were discussed. Her Royal Highness the Crown Princess Mary of Denmark met with young athletes and learned about successful experiences of involving boys and men into GBV campaigns

and empowering girls through participation in sports.

Notably, for more than five years the National Taekwondo and Kickboxing Federation of Tajikistan has been participating in the UN Secretary General's Global Campaign "UNiTE to End Violence against Women". The Federation supported by UN Country Team in

Tajikistan has acquired a significant experience in promoting gender equality, girls' rights in sports, conducting awareness raising and educational campaigns on prevention of domestic violence, healthy life style, reproductive and sexual health, tolerant behavior, etc.



Remarkably, after meeting with and talking to the girls and boys taekwondists, HRH Crown Princess praised the rich experience of collaboration and partnership gained by the National Taekwondo and Kickboxing Federation and called upon UNFPA and other partners to facilitate sharing this experience at national and international levels as one of the most innovative and inspiring best practices.

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Her Royal Highness the Crown Princess Mary of Denmark serves as patron of several social, health and humanitarian organizations and agencies, including the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), which promotes maternal health, safe motherhood and gender equality in our country.

