



# IJF JUDO FOR PEACE COMMISSION REPORT



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- The JFP commission visited twice the Kilis refugee camp in southern Turkey: the project started with 50 children in 2014 and now includes more than 500 boys and girls.
- In January 2016, the IJF won the Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Creative Sports Award in Dubai, with its project in the Kilis Syrian refugee camp. 500 children from the refugee camp received sports equipments and clothes.
- The IJF successfully launched a new refugee camp program in Zambia at the end of 2016. Maheba refugee camp is located in the north of the country and welcomes 9 different nationalities. The designated coach of the program is a young black belt refugee from Burundi.
- Gévrise EMANE (FRA), triple world Champion and Olympic medalist was appointed member of the JFP Commission in February 2017.
- JFP philosophy and principles were included in the Judo for the World Series: Japan, Cuba, Brazil, Zambia, Turkey, Australia, Hungary, India, Nepal, Peru. Each film presents how judo changed the lives of young people. Use #JudoForTheWorld on Youtube.
- At the end of 2016, the JFP commission visited Israel and several activities were held together with the Israeli Judo Federation: one activity exclusively dedicated to young girls practicing judo from the different communities and one activity with children of the Arab community in the south of the country.
- Judo Educational tours were held in Australia, India, Nepal, China, Peru, including the JFP values.
- Mr. Esa Niemi (President of Finish Judo and JFP commission member) has been working on how to generate revenues to finance Judo for Peace activities.
- Judo for Peace Seminar held in South Africa by Mr. Jan Eirik Schiotz, who also participated in the Peace and Sport Forum in Monaco.