



# **AFRICA JUDO APPEAL**

The Southern Area chairman Dave Stanley has just returned from Zimbabwe in the Southern region of Africa, from an IBSA (International Blind Sports Association) coaching and refereeing seminar for coaches and referees. There are over 1,000,000 people in Africa who are visually impaired and we can help to encourage them to participate in Judo.

This seminar included a teaching session at Murehwe High school for 15 students who were visually impaired, and who have few opportunities to take part in sports. The Area would like to help these students by trying to provide second-hand Judo suits for them. The Area will also be helping to provide a jig saw Judo mat for this school, During the visit, the these students took part in the teaching session , the students had their shorts and school uniform to wear. This school has 1000 students from Junior to High school level, all of whom are visually impaired, with the potential to benefit from a sport like Judo.

The Southern Area hopes to be able to collect second-hand judo suits for the Murehwe High School students in Zimbabwe.

## **CAN YOU HELP**

If you have any unwanted junior Judo suits, with belt if possible, can you please bring them along to any Southern Area event or a County events in Kent , Surrey, Sussex, or Hampshire. The suits will then be collected cleaned and sent to Zimbabwe.

This appeal is for all Judo players and Clubs in the Southern Area.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP Dave Stanley Southern Area Chairman