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HENRY WANYOIKE FOUNDATION

Henry Wanyoike Hope for the future run, 2008

The chilly Saturday morning was the climax of the month of hope spearheaded by the world record holder (blind) athlete Henry Wanyoike through Henry Wanyoike Foundation. The climax event was "Henry Wanyoike Hope for the Future Run" -2nd edition that was held on 31st of May 2008 in Kikuyu Town the home area of Henry Wanyoike. The run which was 7.5kms attracted a record of over 6000 runners and hundreds of fans who queued along the road cheering the runners.

The run had different categories and catered for everyone, the young and the old who participated in different categories. There was a veteran(wazee) category which was won by a fifty five years mzee and runners up 65 years, the physically challenged (wheelchair)category went to Denis Munga and Ann Mweru respectively. Children and Juniors also enjoyed the day and they scooped awards. The category of the day and which was hotly contested was Seniors. It attracted elite runners across the country with Joseph Okello and Margret Wangechi carrying the day by proving their prowess to other runners by dominating from start to finish and for their endurance.

Some of the other guest runners were Germany embassy staff, local Fm Radio



Hundreds of enthusiastic kids after flag off.



Hon. Lewis Nguyai (MP Kikuyu) giving his speech

presenters, local leaders and administrators. The run was aired live in three leading local Radio Fms Inooro, Kameme and Coro.



Children at the starting of the run.



Henry Wanyoike and German Ambassador Representative ve Holger Kramer flagging off the run.



Henry Wanyoike in a group picture of the day's winners of different categories

The run's main objective was to motivate the youth, to remain steadfast and hopeful that they can make it in life without indulging in negative activities but through challenging odds of life like how

He (*Wanyoike*) has challenged his disability.

We also took the opportunity to send across peace message of "**Kenya our motherland, Kenyan our tribe, may we dwell in peace, love and unity**" to the community as we recover from the post election violence that engulfed our country. We urged the community to preach **Peace** and co existence of different communities.

After the run the participants and the community at large who had gathered for the award ceremony had an occasion to be addressed by the former five times world cross country champion John Ngugi, Ruth Waithera, national record holder of 400m, Member of Parliament Kikuyu Constituency Hon. Lewis Nguyai, representative Germany Embassy, Alive and Kicking Director Martin Barnard and the host Henry Wanyoike.

This year's run attracted various sponsors across the country who contributed in kind and in cash and through their immense contribution the run was a big success that has become the talk of the month as many eager people anxiously wait for the next year's run.

We the Henry Wanyoike Foundation were humbly moved by the kind gesture by the sponsors and we say "Asante Sana"- Thank you and God bless and we hope and look forward to collaborating with you more, in our noble projects.

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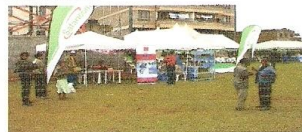
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Physically Challenged (wheelchair category) participants.



Pupils from Valley Crest Primary school cheering the runners along Wangige Kikuyu Road



Sponsors stands: - UAP Insurance and Sigona Waters and UAP Insurance staff entertaining the crowd



Mr John Ngugi, Henry Wanyoike and Hon. Lewis Nguyai



George Ochieng' from longhorn publishers presenting an award to the youngest participant, Master Festus Gachera (2 1/2 yrs).



Sigona waters, Baabs Security and UAP Insurance representatives awarding physically challenged category winners. (men)



A section of the big crowd at kikuyu township primary school



Kilimanjaro water, Rhythms College and Standard Chartered representatives awarding physically challenged category winners. (Women)

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