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# A Note of Appreciation



Dear Supporter,

World Refugee Day is a special day demarcated by the United Nations and recognized across the world to honour people who have been forced to flee their homes because of conflict, violence, persecution, or natural disasters. This year's World Refugee Day theme focused on everyone's right to seek safety – whoever they are, wherever they come from, and whenever they are forced to flee.

Sadly, this year's World Refugee Day came at a time when we have reached a devastating milestone – across the world, **100 million people have been forced to flee their homes. Africa hosts the highest number of people forced to flee – 38 million.** Reflecting on this figure and committing to do what we can to alleviate the impact of displacement on World Refugee Day is now more critical than ever before.

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, organized a World Refugee

Day Charity Golf Tournament at the Muthaiga Golf Club to raise awareness about the plight of 489,191 refugees currently hosted in Kenya and mobilise support for initiatives that benefit refugees and their host communities. With the support of Kenya's private sector, we achieved just that. The tournament raised KES 3.7 million to support access to education and livelihood programmes for refugees and host communities in Kenya.

**Thank you to all the participants, including corporate team sponsors and individual teams, who participated in the tournament to help make it a success.**

A special thank you to our main tournament sponsors: Moran (EA) Publishers Ltd, World Navi, UBA Kenya Bank Ltd, Yen Golf and Safaricom. Asante Sana for partnering with us and supporting families forced to flee. To our gift sponsors: Sarova Hotels, Uganda Airlines,

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This tournament is one of many ways in which UNHCR, and Kenya's private sector, comprised of companies, foundations, and individuals, can partner to support refugees and displaced persons in Kenya.

**We look forward to welcoming you all back next year, to what will now become a regular feature in our World Refugee Day commemoration calendar of activities in Kenya.**

Thank you.

**Nancy Aburi**

Chief of Private Sector Partnerships, Africa, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency





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Thank you to all our UNHCR World Refugee Day Charity Golf Tournament's sponsors and participants for helping us raise KES 3.7 million to support access to education and livelihood programmes for refugees and host communities in Kenya.



## Spotlight on Main Tournament Sponsors



### Moran (EA) Publishers Ltd

As a part of their long-term commitment to partner with UNHCR to support learning for refugee children in Kenya and in honor of the UNHCR World Refugee Day Charity Golf Tournament at Muthaiga Golf Club, Moran (EA) Publishers Ltd contributed KES 1.48 million in textbooks and educational material for refugee children in Kenya.

### World Navi



World Navi Co. Ltd Kenya contributed KES 1.17 million to the UNHCR World Refugee Day Charity Golf Tournament to support UNHCR's efforts in assisting and protecting forcibly displaced people in Africa. Their commitment will help rebuild the lives of displaced families in Kenya.

### UBA Kenya Bank Ltd



UBA Kenya Bank Ltd contributed KES 504,719 to the UNHCR World Refugee Day Charity Golf Tournament to support access to education and livelihood programmes for refugees in Kenya. We look forward to working together with UBA Kenya Bank Ltd to support families forced to flee across Africa.



### Yen Golf

Thank you, Yen Golf, for sponsoring the Golf Clinic during the World Refugee Day Charity Golf Tournament. With your support, many non-golfers got an opportunity to learn the basics of golf.

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Safaricom contributed KES 500,000 in cash and in-kind in support of the World Refugee Day Charity Golf Tournament. We are grateful for the continued support from Safaricom towards people forced to flee in Kenya.

## John and Abraham dream of becoming pilots, but lack of access to education for refugees may clip their wings

Best friends, John and Abraham, are inseparable. Both 12 years old, they attend the same primary school and have the same dream about becoming pilots when they grow up.

They play in the schoolyard together and look up to the sky every now and then to see planes pass by overhead. They daydream about a day when they will be pilots flying in planes like the ones they see in the sky and travel the world.



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But for now, the only world they see together is the one in their imaginations.

John and Abraham are amongst the 489,191 refugees living in Kenya. Both of their families were forced to flee their home countries because of conflict and found safety and protection in Kakuma refugee camp.

For these two young boys, going to primary school in the refugee camp gives them a chance to dream and hope for a better future than the ones their parents have had to endure.

“Education is important because, with it, I can help my family,” says John.

While enrolment in primary education for refugee children in Kenya is high, only 51 percent of refugee youth in Kenya have access to secondary education. The lack of infrastructure, resources, and teaching materials threaten the hopes and dreams of refugee students like John and Abraham.

Education is critical for all children; for refugee children, education is a lifeline.

***“Education is important because, with it, I can help my family,” says John.***

Education gives refugee children a way out of abject poverty and gives hope to generations of youth who are forcibly displaced to become self-reliant, contributing members of their communities.

UNHCR and our partners play a critical role in managing schools in refugee camps, including financial resources and administration. However, the lack of funding threatens access to quality education for refugees.

To ensure the provision of education for refugee children and youth, UNHCR relies on effective partnerships with various stakeholders, including the private sector.


With the help of private sector partnerships, including the partners that supported the UNHCR World Refugee Day Charity Golf Tournament, UNHCR can provide displaced children access to quality education, organize training for teachers, and build and improve educational infrastructure in refugee camps.

**For more information about how you and your business can help support access to education for refugees, please email: [africa@unhcr.org](mailto:africa@unhcr.org).**



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“I am proud to be participating in the UNHCR World Refugee Day Golf Charity Tournament. This tournament has brought together a diverse group of people – business owners, corporate employees, diplomats, sportsmen, and UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, to not only enjoy a great sport but also unite Kenyans to rally support for refugees in Kenya.”

- Collins Injera,  
UNHCR celebrity  
supporter

# UNHCR World Refugee Day Charity Golf Tournament Raffle and Silent Auction Winners

Thanks to our gift sponsors, participants in the UNHCR World Refugee Day Charity Golf Tournament had the opportunity to win amazing raffle prizes and auction items throughout the post-tournament reception.

## SILENT AUCTION WINNERS:

- |                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| 1. <b>Patrick David Bell</b> | Two-night accommodation for two people at Leopard Beach, Diani, and two night accomodation for two people at Sarova Lion Hill Game Lodge (full-board) |
| 2. <b>Peggy Macharia</b>     | Two-night accommodation for two people at Sarova Shaba Game Lodge (full-board)  |
| 3. <b>Thalha Abubaker</b>    | Two-night accommodation for two people at Elsa Kopje, Meru National Park on a game package  |

## RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS:

- |                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| 1. <b>Vincent Ongera</b>  | Saturday Lunch for two people at the Sarabi Rooftop Bar at Sankara Hotel                |
| 2. <b>Veronica Kabugi</b> | Saturday Dinner for two people at the Sarabi Rooftop Bar at Sankara Hotel               |
| 3. <b>Bernard Itebete</b> | Safaricom Airtime worth KES 10,000  |
| 4. <b>Anthony Kimani</b>  | Safaricom Airtime worth KES 10,000  |
| 5. <b>Lavin Asego</b>     | One-night accomodation for two people on bed and breakfast at the Sarova Panafric Hotel |



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# Congratulations to all the winners

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# UNHCR World Refugee Day Charity Golf Tournament Top Players

The tournament brought together teams and players from across Kenya and abroad to play 9 or 18 hole rounds of golf in support of education and livelihood needs for refugees in Kenya. The post-tournament reception announced the tournament's top players and take-home prizes, courtesy of our gift sponsors.

## Best Overall – Women

Winner: **KEZIAH KORIR**

Awarded KES 25,000 Village Market Voucher & Two-night accommodation for two people at Lake Nakuru Sopa Lodge

## Best Overall – Men

Winner: **KIRAN PATEL**

Awarded KES 25,000 Village Market Voucher & Two-night accommodation for two people at Sarova Woodlands Hotel and Spa

## Runner Up – Women

Winner: **MARGARET NYAKANG'O**

Awarded Safaricom Airtime worth KES 15,000 & dinner for two at Sarova Stanley at Thorn Tree Restaurant

## Runner Up – Men

Winner: **K. MURAGURI**

Awarded Safaricom Airtime worth KES 15,000 & lunch for two at Flame Tree Restaurant

## Best 1st Nine

Winner: **NINDI SINGH**

Awarded Safaricom Airtime worth KES 10,000

## Best 2nd Nine

Winner: **REUBEN OTIENO**

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## Longest Drive – Women

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## Nearest to the Pin – Men

Winner: **PATRICK DAVID BELL**

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# Congratulations Top Players



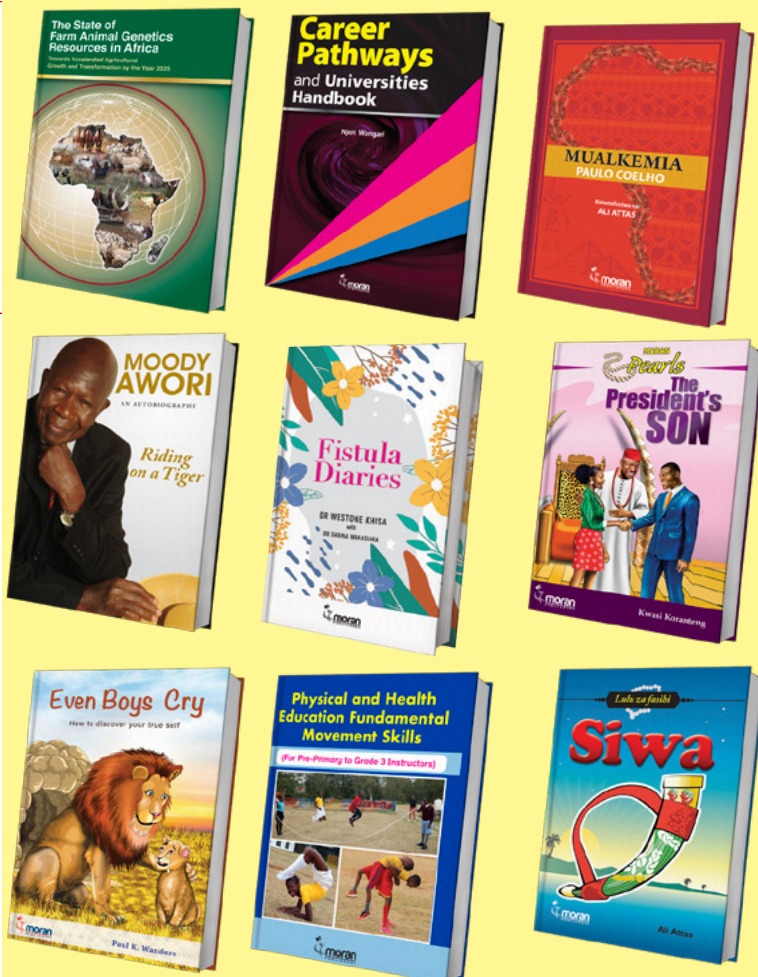
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**- Mary Maina, Managing Director, Moran (EA) Publishers Ltd**





# Memorable Moments from the UNHCR World Refugee Day Charity Golf Tournament

From early morning registration and tee-off to wrapping up their 18th hole, the Tournament's players came out swinging







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**Non-golfers had a chance to learn the basics of golf at the Tournament's Golf Clinic, visit the MADE51 Refugee Artisan Exhibition, and check out sponsor stalls**









**After the golf tournament, participants convened on the beautiful lawns of the Muthaiga Golf Club for inspiring remarks, an impromptu performance by UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador and LuQuLuQu Champion Mercy Masika, and Prize-giving**













## Access to livelihoods activities for refugees: From surviving to thriving

Kenya provides safe refuge to 489,191 people fleeing conflict and violence from over ten countries, including Somalia, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Ethiopia. Unfortunately, as conflict rages in the region, so too does the amount of time men, women, and children are forced to live in displacement. In some situations, instability leads to families living in refugee camps and host countries for years.

With 45 percent of the displacement population in Kenya being between the ages of 18 to 59 years old, one of the most significant hurdles they face in being displaced from their homes for extended periods is securing a source of income to take care of themselves and their families.

UNHCR and our partners recognize that the economic inclusion of refugees has significant benefits for refugees and host communities. Access to livelihoods and jobs enables refugees to meet their needs for protection, food security, health, housing, and other essential services in a safe, sustainable, and dignified manner. It also enables refugees to prepare for their future, whether they return home, integrate into their country of asylum, or resettle in a third country. Access to jobs and livelihoods further contributes to easing social and economic pressures on host communities by reducing poverty and decreasing expenses for national social security.





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In Kenya, UNHCR works in collaboration with the Government and partners to promote self-reliance through the development of refugees' capabilities, including skills development, establishment, and development of small businesses, as well as to promote an environment that fosters access to livelihoods opportunities. These initiatives include partnerships with the private sector and sustained advocacy initiatives to ensure policy reform that allows for the integration of refugee and host community economies.

To ensure refugee livelihoods, UNHCR and partners in Kenya work to improve access to agriculture through optimal water irrigation systems, access to information and communications technologies, provision of

vocational and technical skills training opportunities, and improved access to self-employment and business.

Amongst the skills-training livelihood projects for refugees in Kenya is UNHCR's MADE51 initiative. MADE51 is an innovative, market-based model that promotes the economic inclusion of refugees in global value chains. In the MADE51 model, UNHCR identifies refugee artisans and helps them create strong artisan groups and connects these groups to experienced local social enterprise partners. Together, they develop market-ready products. Each time someone buys a MADE51 product, they directly enable refugees to earn income and contribute to their host country's economy. At the UNHCR World Refugee Day Charity Golf Tournament, golfers and participants had a chance to visit the MADE51 stall and purchase some of the beautiful products made by refugee artisans. Moreover, proceeds from the Tournament will help support the livelihood activities of refugees in Kenya.



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**Here are a few examples of refugees who UNHCR and partners have supported to forge a livelihood for themselves and invigorate the local economy in Kakuma refugee camp, Kenya:**

Alice is an 18-year-old Ugandan refugee living in the Kakuma refugee camp and part of the MADE51 initiative. She makes jewelry and key chains alongside other refugee and host community members, offering her a source of income and dignity. This initiative fosters skill sharing and community for Alice:

"I ask them questions if there is something I needed to know and also watch on how they do their work, which is how I became so good at this work," says Alice.



Riziki, a 46-year-old Burundian refugee, tends her farm at the Kalobeyei agriculture farm project. Kalobeyei settlement, located outside of Kakuma refugee camp, is an innovative initiative of UNHCR, the Government, and partners to enable refugees to become more self-reliant in the long term and promote income generating activities for refugees and the host community.

"I used to be a farmer back in Burundi. I was happy that I could advance my farming when I got here because there is a wider range of produce. Through farming, I am able to complement food ration shortage," says Riziki.



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39-year-old Maria is a Democratic Republic of Congo refugee living in the Kakuma refugee camp. Together with other women, she makes reusable pads.

"Many ladies have benefited from these pads. I utilize them to make money to maintain my family," says Maria.



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Fanuel Ebule is a 40-year-old Democratic Republic of Congo refugee living in the Kakuma refugee camp. He was trained to be a tailor in the camp and now has his own business.

"When I arrived at the camp, I was immediately welcomed by a community that took me in and taught me how to sew. Today, I have this shop, which allows me to support my family," says Fanuel.

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## Joelle Hangi: A young refugee woman's inspiring journey

At the post-tournament reception, participants had the honor of listening to Joelle Hangi, a refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo, share her journey fleeing conflict and finding safety in Kenya in 2012. Her remarks below moved the audience and shed light on some of the harsh realities refugees face daily.



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Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to speak today.

I am honoured and delighted to be a part of this event and to represent my fellow refugees this World Refugee Day.

My name is Joelle Hangi and I am from the DR Congo. I fled my home country nearly 10 years ago.

I want to share with you a bit about my personal journey fleeing home, seeking safety, and the challenges I have faced to find the means to support myself. I hope that my story will resonate with you and give you greater perspective on what it means to be a refugee.

Holding the title of a refugee is a strange thing. It is not something I asked for or wanted. I am much more than a refugee – I am a woman with dreams, ambitions, intellect and capabilities. But often times my identity is first marked by my refugee status.

While holding refugee status has many challenges and limitations, it is also a marker of all that I have endured and the courage to keep going – to not let conflict, war, violence stop me from living my life.

My home country of DR Congo has struggled to provide safety to its own citizens like me and forced many of us to seek safety elsewhere. But while it seems like a straightforward decision, the journey from my home country to Kenya has never been easy.

To be honest I don't really share this part of my story often, but I will say my journey to seek safety was rooted in many layers of conflict – religious, ethnic, and gender-based conflict.

Every time I reflect on my journey, I see images in my head of people suffering...and my own suffering.

I was 19 years when I was forced to flee DR Congo. At that time, I had a lot of dreams about my future, I was passionate about obtaining a Bachelor of Economics at university.

I was living with my parents and younger brother and I had just started university; I was three months into my courses when my life changed drastically.

War and conflict broke out in DR Congo.

When the conflict broke out, the university was shut down and we all were at home worrying about the state of our country.

One evening a group of men came to our home and took my father away. My mother, who was Rwandese, told my younger brother and I to seek safety. She couldn't accompany us because she would be a target herself.

To this day, I do not know where my family members are.

In my journey to safety, I relied on the goodness of people around me and the determination to find safety. When I reached the Kenya border, I was brought to Kakuma refugee camp. There I received medical assistance and support, and was introduced to a Congolese family living in the camp.

That was nearly 10 years ago.

Finding myself in Kakuma refugee camp, there was little that could encourage me to have a bright future because of limited access to opportunities and education that I faced.

But I knew that education was the key to unlock my future. I learnt English in Kakuma refugee camp and sat for my English language exam and scored high.

I then applied for higher learning opportunities – which were quite limited, but I was determined to find a way. I

**"It is because of the support of organizations and the private sector community that I have had the opportunity to rebuild my life and be a contributing member of society," says Joelle.**

am happy to share that I was amongst around 30 students selected for a three-year remote diploma programme. I was the only girl in that cohort.

But to complete a remote diploma programme in a refugee camp is incredibly challenging and for many of us in the cohort, it was unbearable.

Some of my fellow students dropped out of the programme because of the simple lack of electricity and power to sit to complete studies on one of the few computers in the lab.

The lack of infrastructure, weak internet signal caused a great deal of stress amongst us.

Fortunately, I was able to push forward and completed the diploma in liberal studies.

Having completed this diploma programme opened up many doors for me including furthering my studies through university partnership programmes like the one offered by Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU).

Through SNHU I completed a bachelor's degree in business communications. Again, with remote learning, it was very difficult but the idea of being able to rebuild my life through education was what drove me to continue to work hard.

But for many refugee girls in the camp, the opportunities and resources are very limited. While I was thankful to have already completed secondary school back in my home country, many refugee children and youth have had their education interrupted at very young ages making the opportunity for them to complete secondary school very difficult.

However, beyond education, being able to obtain a livelihood is also challenging for refugees like me. Young refugees struggle to find a pathway that will enable them to settle and be a stable. This is challenged by administrative and bureaucratic systems that impact refugees finding job opportunities.

Almost 10 years after having fled my home country and coming here to Kenya, I am grateful to Kenya and the organizations that have supported my growth. I have had the opportunity to work with UNHCR, IRC, and Jesuit Worldwide Learning and currently am working with the Amahoro Coalition which is made up of private sector entities identifying ways to innovate and support refugee communities.

It is because of the support of organizations and the private sector community that I have had the opportunity to rebuild my life and be a contributing member of society.

I encourage all of you in the private sector including companies and foundations to look at how you can support the creativity and development of young refugees. This

includes supporting projects like Kakuma Ventures that provide WiFi to refugees in the camp – by refugees for refugees.

Ultimately the role and opportunities for the private sector to support refugees in limitless – in helping us attain an education or become self-reliant.

Never did I think my life would end up in Kenya, standing before all of you today, but I am grateful for that fact that this country gave me the safety and the support I needed to become who I am today. I hope more refugees like myself are given this support as well.

Thank you.



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**Do you remember what it was like to be a student? Remember how important it was to have your schoolbooks for class?**

Now imagine having to share your schoolbook with ten other students. Hard to imagine. But this is the reality for refugee children in Kenya.

Many refugee children were forced to flee their homes to escape violence, conflict, or persecution with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Education is critical in providing some semblance of normalcy to restart their lives. Education provides refugees the tools, skills, and competencies necessary to pursue dreams of being self-reliant and financially independent. Education is also a protection tool for refugee children and helps prevent early marriage, early pregnancy, and child labor.

But the acute lack of learning materials and classroom facilities threatens their chance at an education. The shortage of school desks is forcing children to sit on the bare floor, using whatever little resources they have to learn.

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