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Who we are
UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, protects people forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution.

What we do
We are in the field in over 130 countries, saving lives, protecting rights, and helping build better futures.

Why we matter
Every year, millions of children, women, and men are forced to flee their homes. We are the world’s leading organization dedicated to supporting them.
Dear Supporter,

Thank you for participating in our UNHCR World Refugee Day Charity Golf event. Your support enabled us to raise funds, which will have a tremendous impact on the lives of refugee and displaced youth in Kenya.

We are proud to have hosted the second World Refugee Day Charity Golf Tournament at the Muthaiga Golf Club. Once again, we witnessed the incredible support of Kenya’s private sector, including esteemed companies and individuals like yourselves, as you generously extended a helping hand to refugee and displaced communities in Kenya.

Thanks to you, the tournament raised an impressive sum of KES 3.6 million.

These funds will help support the construction of furnished classrooms, improvement of students’ health and hygiene by building sanitation facilities, provide necessary education kits, support refugee girls in school with menstrual hygiene products, and ensure refugee children have access to critically needed textbooks.

This year’s World Refugee Day theme, "Hope Away from Home – a World where Refugees are always included," holds profound relevance as we strive to address the plight of the 110 million displaced people globally, with over 38 million finding refuge in southern Africa.

Kenya currently hosts over 511,000 forcibly displaced individuals who have fled due to conflict, recurring violence, and the adverse effects of climate change.

Sincere appreciation to all our tournament sponsors, for their invaluable contributions. Your combined support: Moran (E.A.) Publishers, Global Trade Centre (GTC) Nairobi, Sofya Furniture, African Fabric and Designs, Safaricom PLC, Africa Education & Development Trust, Umma University, Emirates, Elewana Collection, Sopa Lodge, Fairmont Hotels & Resorts, Sarova Hotels & Resorts, Ganatra Plant & Equipment, Uganda Airlines, The Village Market, and Azela Salon & Spa, will play a pivotal role in our mission to provide educational opportunities for refugee and displaced youth in Kenya.

I thank Delta Air Lines, Smart Applications International, and every individual who registered to participate in the tournament and golf clinic. Your presence at the event contributed significantly to its success.

We look forward to welcoming each of you back next year, as we continue our collective efforts to create a world where all refugees are included and given hope. Asanteni.

With sincere appreciation,

Nancy Aburi
Chief of Private Sector Partnerships Africa, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency
Teams Spotlight

Your presence was appreciated and will go a long way in helping ensure that youth forced to flee and those from host communities, have access to education and other amenities that help provide hope away from home.

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- Moran EA Publishers
- Safaricom PLC
- Smart Applications International
- YEN Golf
- Ganatra Plant and Equipment
- Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Canadian High Commission
- LG Electronics
- Nem Chem International Kenya
- Connect Coffee
- BiOptimizers
- Century Automobiles
- The Empress Show
- The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- World Food Programme
- The UN Resident Coordinator in Kenya (UN RCO)
- Seokang Limited
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- Muthaiga Golf Club
- Carton Experts Limited
- The Big Five Breweries
- Advertage
- Nathan Digital
Congratulations to all the winning players. We look forward to seeing you emerge victorious next year!

**Best Overall Ladies**
Wambui Gitonga - 35 Points
1 Return Ticket on Economy Class to Dubai
5k Airtime Safaricom

**Best Overall Men**
Duckmo Kang - 42 Points
1 Return Ticket on Economy Class to Dubai
5k Airtime Safaricom

**Runner-Up Ladies**
Jane Wambui - 34 Points
Accommodation 2 nights for 2 Sarova Shaba Full Board

**Runner-Up Men**
Felix Onroy - 40 Points
Accommodation 2 Nights for 2 Sarova Lion Hill Full Board

**Back 9 (2nd overall)**
Bernard Rono - 18 points – First Nine
Accommodation 2 Nights for 2 Mara Sopa Lodge – Elewana Collection

**Back 9 (2nd Overall)**
Rohan Khan - 23 Points – Second Nine
Accommodation 2 Nights for 2 Amboseli Sopa Lodge – Elewana Collection

**Longest Drive – Men**
Douglas Adagala
Lunch for 2 at Flame Tree Restaurant with a soft drink

**Longest Drive – Ladies**
Wambui Gitonga
Lunch for 2 at Flame Tree Restaurant with a soft drink

**Nearest to the Pin – Men**
Bernard Rono
Breakfast for 2 at The Norfolk

**Nearest to the Pin - Ladies**
Sarah Weber
High Tea for 2 at The Norfolk

**Chipping Competition – Men**
Chirag Dodhia
Azela Salon & Spa – Hair Cut & Blow-dry

**Putting Competition – Men**
Rachit Patel
Azela Salon & Spa – Wellness
Live Auction Winners

Congratulations to all the winners, for placing your bids in support of people forced to flee.

Leonard Umekwe  
Business Class Ticket-Uganda Airlines  
Nairobi-Entebbe-Nairobi

Haren Patel  
Business Class Ticket-Uganda Airlines  
Nairobi-Entebbe-Nairobi

Sarah Weber  
Two nights’ accommodation full board  
Fairmont Mara Safari Club

Haren Patel  
Two nights’ accommodation half board  
Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club

Juliana Wanjira  
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Haren Patel  
3KVA Generator  
Ganatra Plant and Equipment

Gift Sponsors

Thank you to our corporate gift sponsors for allowing participants to win exciting raffle and live auction prizes. Your support helped make our afternoon reception unforgettable.

Corporate and gift sponsors at the UNHCR World Refugee Day Charity Golf Tournament. © UNHCR/John Kaurrai
We congratulate every winner, for playing a formidable game and supporting access to education for displaced and refugee youth in Kenya.
Corporate Sponsors

Thank you to all the sponsors for supporting our second tournament and helping us raise KES 3.6 million. Your support will go a long way in helping provide hope away from home, through access to education for displaced youth in Kenya and their host communities.
Spotlight on K:two, South Sudanese Poet and Refugee Rights Advocate

Chol Matiop, known by his stage moniker K:two is a refugee poet known for his emotive poetry and captivating performances. Born in Kenya to South Sudanese parents who fled the war that broke out before Sudan was divided into two separate nations, he grew up at Kakuma refugee camp and Kenya is the only home he has ever known.

We were glad to have him at our second World Refugee Day Charity Golf Tournament, where he performed two of his moving spoken word pieces. We caught up with him to learn more about his journey, his inspiration and what he would like the world to know concerning the life the of a forcibly displaced youth so far from their motherland.

How did you become known as K:two?
My Official Name is Chol Matiop Chol. I got the name K:two from my childhood days since I was born in Kenya, in Kakuma. So, the first ‘K’ stands for Kenya, and the second ‘K’ stands for Kakuma. And that’s how K:two came from.

What do you remember most of your journey to Kenya?
I will be making up a story if I say I fled from South Sudan. I was born in Kakuma Camp. My parents are the ones who did. They fled South Sudan into Kenya back in 1991, after the civil war. From what they told me, the journey was not that easy. They lost a lot of their relatives on the way. Others starved to death, while others were attacked by wild animals since they walked through the forest by foot.

What is one thing people should understand about the journey of forcibly displaced people?
People should understand that we never choose this life. We did not just wake up one day and decided to run into neighbouring countries. Situations are what got us here, and we are just like any other people.

How has your life been as a refugee in Kenya?
To be quite honest, it has not been easy at all. The most challenging part has been unemployment which affects many displaced youths. The UN has provided food rations, and other basic needs, but our lives are still full of difficulties which could be lessened by employment, which remains a challenge.

What does “Hope Away from Home” mean to you?
Hope away from home to me means getting proper education, job opportunities, and being part of the community, I live with.

What are your hopes and dreams for the future?
A better South Sudan where we can sit down and tell our children of what we went through as refugees, and how we never want it to repeat itself again.

How did you connect with poetry? When did you start writing and why?
I started doing poetry back in high school, like 7 years ago. I believe poetry could help me tell the stories of the untold back in the community, and that is why I started writing.

What are your poems about? What do they mean to you?
I write mostly about life experiences on the ground - like educational ones, inspirational ones and more. To me, they mean giving hope about tomorrow, to someone who has lost trust in life.

How does performing poetry make you feel?
Performing poetry makes me feel good. As a refugee rights advocate, my poetry resonates with many displaced people, because our stories are similar. This matters to me.

Whether it is difficulties accessing education or economic opportunities, raising these issues makes me feel like I am doing my part in being a voice.
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Magartu, an extraordinary visually impaired Ethiopian refugee student in Kakuma refugee camp. Despite her disability, she scored top marks in the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education national examinations in 2021.

Scrolling through her phone and checking messages from her friends, Magartu looks like any other teenager enjoying a break from schoolwork. But her warm smile belies this 17-year-old Ethiopian refugee’s determination.

Magartu lost her sight at an early age but has learned to adapt to life without it. Her aim now is to finish secondary school—top of her class, she intends—and then win a place in law school.

"I want to be a lawyer because I want to defend people who have been denied their rights, like people with disabilities, orphans, and widows," she says.

Magartu was just eight when she and her older brother and sister fled conflict in Ethiopia. When they arrived at Kenya’s Kakuma refugee camp, her siblings immediately enrolled her in Tarach Primary School, a school for children with disabilities.

At first, school was stressful. I cried a lot because I did not understand the language. I felt like everyone was talking about me," she recalls. But her teachers were patient, she adds and helped her learn English, the official language of instruction in Kenya.

In sixth grade, she transferred to a mainstream school, where children with disabilities integrate with other learners. Through sharing a classroom with other students and joining in extra-curricular activities like sports and clubs, she found a new confidence. “I liked my new school because I had competition,” she says. “I was courageous enough to believe that I could be first in my class.”

It is estimated that more than 12 million people with disabilities have been forcibly displaced worldwide, although the true number may be much higher. They are often at greater risk of violence, discrimination, exploitation and abuse, face barriers to accessing basic services, and can be excluded from education and opportunities to earn a living.

“There will always be challenges in life, but you know what? We can overcome them!” UNHCR and education partners Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Finn Church Aid and Humanity & Inclusion have successfully implemented inclusive education in primary and pre-primary schools in Kakuma camp and the adjacent Kalobeyi settlement, including Magartu’s former school.

All signs are that Magartu is on track to meet her goals.

Last year she sat the national primary final exams and was among the top students in her class—and one of the top learners with a disability in the country.

On the strength of that performance, she was awarded a UNHCR scholarship and started at Kibos Special School in Kisumu, western Kenya, where she and two other refugee students with disabilities study alongside their Kenyan peers.

She is due to graduate in late 2024. Magartu is already honing her advocacy skills. In March last year, she addressed the European Humanitarian Forum, calling for education for all refugees, including those with disabilities, and has spoken at several events in Kakuma, including on World Disability Day.

She urges people with disabilities to work towards their dreams and never give up. “Be courageous and keep working hard,” she says. “There will always be challenges in life, but you know what? We can overcome them!”
For the second year in a row, our celebrity supporters were at the forefront of supporting our second annual tournament. From amplifying our voice within their networks, to mobilizing people to register for the tournament and golf clinic, they came out in full force to help ensure our event was a raging success.

Here’s what they had to say concerning why forced displacement matters to them:

**Pinky Ghelani**

"I love that I get to participate in different activities that spotlight forced displacement, the challenges people forced to flee go through, and what a tool like education can do for the young people especially.

Using my voice and platform to advocate and help raise funds gives me immense joy. I feel like Wangari Maathai’s hummingbird – doing my own small bit to help ensure a better tomorrow is possible for refugees and displaced children."
**Collins Injera**

"It was my second time participating in the UNHCR Charity Golf Tournament. When I got involved the first time, I really loved it as I had just started playing golf; so, I was overly excited and to add to that as a UNHCR High Profile Supporter I was more than happy to mobilize my networks for good.

People forced to flee their homes are human beings and have dreams the same way as I do. Hence, anything I can do to support access to education and give hope away from home, I will gladly do."

**Mercy Masika**

"Hope away from home for me, means that every person forced to flee can start to believe that change and transformation is within their grasp. For me especially, it matters that refugee girls can access education and menstrual hygiene kits and every mother can enjoy the hope of her future through her children. Their futures are bright, and this tournament is testament to the fact that when people come together, better futures can be created."

**Crazy Kennar**

"I am a creative who anchors his content on a mission to stand against depression, and it is my responsibility to advocate for the young people who were forced to flee, by giving them hope away from home.

By putting a smile on their faces and sharing their plight to the public, then with no doubt the ripple effect of this will eventually help bring a solution to their problem."
Dennis Ombachi

“We all have a responsibility to do whatever small thing we can, to change the lives of people forced to flee. Everyone, both individuals and corporates, can do something.

This is the reason I decided to be a part of this tournament because I knew that through my platform, I can make a difference and help displaced youth access education. That is how transformation begins. As a father, I know full well why access to education matters, and what it can do for children.”

Mutahi Kibugu

“It was an honour to take part in the tournament and share the love of the game with golfing enthusiasts at the golf clinic.

I encourage individuals and corporates alike to support this exciting annual tournament, which raises much-needed funds to ensure access to education, for refugee and displaced children.”

Lavin Aseo

“It was my second time taking part in the tournament and being the emcee. To know that access to education is being made possible for displaced young people in Kenya, that paints a smile on my face. I look forward to many more tournaments, and playing my part in ensuring they are all a success. Access to education is indeed a sure step to providing hope away from home and ensuring inclusion for all refugees and displaced youth.”
Title Sponsor Highlight

Moran (E.A.) Publishers have walked with us since last year’s inaugural tournament as our title sponsor.

We had a chat with Mrs. Mary W. Maina, the Managing Director, to learn more about her journey, as well as Moran (E.A.) Publishers’ keen interest in supporting access to education for refugee and displaced youth in Kenya.

Can you please tell us a little bit about yourself?

My name is Mrs. Mary W. Maina. I pursued a Bachelor of Commerce degree - Marketing option, at the University of Nairobi. My first employer in 1995 was Macmillan Kenya, which morphed into Moran (E.A.) Publishers in 2010. They gave me an opportunity to nurture, and passionately grow a career in Publishing. I have been with Macmillan-Moran for 28 years, and I am still counting. I enjoy my work and treasure the contacts and partnerships we have built over time as a company.

What does your current role entail?

Currently, I am the Managing Director at Moran (E.A.) Publishers. My role is to set the company’s strategic direction, alongside the board of directors.

I lead the company by ensuring that among other roles, all employees buy into the company vision. I also oversee the formulation and successful implementation of the company’s policies, to achieve the set corporate objectives in Kenya and other regional markets.

Please tell us a bit about Moran (E.A.) Publishers.

We are a publishing company that strives to provide quality information to our customers, by publishing and marketing stimulating educational and general reading materials. We have cultivated a wealth of publishing experience having published in Eastern Africa for over 40 years. In collaboration with teachers, learners, institutions, and educational authorities, we have strengthened our publishing programme in developing high quality instructional materials chief among them textbooks, revision books, dictionaries, atlases & wall maps, and general readership books (literary texts and autobiographies among others).

Our head office is in Nairobi, but we have efficient agents in Uganda, Rwanda, Zambia, Malawi, and Tanzania.

Our Vision is to be the leading publisher in Africa. Our mission is to maximize teaching, learning and investment outcomes by developing and publishing quality materials for all levels. To satisfy and create long term benefits for our stakeholders, we are guided by core values.

- **Quality**: We are committed to offering quality books and services and as such, avoiding complacency in all our operations.
- **Accountability**: We are accountable to all our customers for the services and products we offer to the market.
- **Teamwork**: We embrace the ideals of teamwork that draw on collective effort for optimal results.
- **Integrity**: We strive to be honest and transparent in all our activities and endeavor to uphold the same at all times.
- **Customer Focus**: Customer satisfaction is our top priority. Our customers are the key to our success.

How is Moran (E.A.) Publishers actively involved in pushing for education access in Kenya?

We recognize the fact Education is a human right to children of all backgrounds and ages. To make education accessible, we publish materials in most learning areas from pre-primary school to higher levels.

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Why did the organization take a keen interest in the forced displacement crisis?

Moran (E.A.) Publishers exist to create an impact on learning and teaching children of all walks of life. The challenges brought by the forced displacement of children especially touched us so much, that when UNHCR approached us, we could not resist the call to give a hand.

This partnership will continue for many years. The UNHCR staff who manage this program are committed and honest. They are pleasant to work with.

What message do you have for our readers for World Refugee Day?

Education is the key to equating people. Education gives hope to children living away from their homes. It gives them hope for a better tomorrow. UNHCR has given that opportunity to many. They deserve our support to reach many more children access.

How is Moran (E.A.) Publishers actively involved in pushing for education access in Kenya?

We make the materials available in all corners of our country through our sales representatives, and the thriving bookshop network.

Customers can also access our publications through our mobile App, BongoshApp, or shopping cart on our website. We participate in training teachers, learners and parents on how to effectively use our materials in the implementation of the curriculum.

We also donate books to needy educational institutions to stock their school or community libraries, as our contribution towards enhancing literacy. We also sponsor a few needy and bright learners with school fees for their secondary school education.

What change does Moran (E.A.) Publishers hope to see?

As an organization involved in improving the lives of children, our desire is to see the children being supported by UNHCR grow to become independent and productive global citizens.

This is possible through education. We encourage UNHCR to consider running a programme that promotes the reading culture among the forcibly displaced children, in and out of schools.

Children who are exposed to books at an early age become avid readers, good writers, and communicators.

Through reading, children are exposed to different countries, cultures, values, and systems among others through which they learn many things. Reading for leisure keeps the children engaged and away from distractive behaviour.
MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Memorable Moments from the Tournament

A tournament player confirming their details at the registration desk. © UNHCR/Maxwell Otieno

Dennis Ombachi, UNHCR celebrity supporter and LuQuLuQu Champion joins participants at the golf clinic. © UNHCR/Maxwell Otieno

Some of the corporate market place exhibitions at the Tournament. © UNHCR/Maxwell Otieno

Player teeing off during the tournament. © UNHCR/Maxwell Otieno

Players checking their scores during the tournament. © UNHCR/Maxwell Otieno

Golfers picking their tee-off slots. © UNHCR/John Kaurrai

The PSP Africa team pose for a photo after the tournament reception. © UNHCR/John Kaurrai

An attendee at the afternoon reception celebrating one of the raffle announcements. ©UNHCR/John Kaurrai
A world where refugees are always included

We can all do more to give refugees more hope – and more opportunities – while they are away from home. Including refugees in the communities where they have found safety after fleeing conflict and persecution, is the most effective way to support them in restarting their lives and enable them to contribute to the countries hosting them.

This means ensuring refugees have the right to apply for jobs, enrol in schools, and access services like housing and health care. It also means forging friendships and showing solidarity. Help provide hope away from home, by donating your Bonga Points to support access to education for refugee and displaced Youth in Kenya.

- **KES 701** can enable getting one textbook for a child.
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- **KES 2,805** can enable one child have a pair of uniform for one child for one school calendar year.
- **KES 2,805** can provide adequate sanitary supplies for girls in school (kit includes six pants; 12 packets of pads & soap).
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