

Mandela Group embraces charitable causes, rallies for continued support

By Johnson Were

Mandela Group of Companies has urged different corporate organisations to emulate Pearl Bikers Africa by supporting the disadvantaged communities in the country.

City Tyres Marketing Manager Herbert Bashaasha made the appeal on Friday at a function where Mandela Group supported the Pearl Bikers Africa's charity program to the children of St. Jude's Orphanage Gulu on Saturday.

Bashaasha handed over the package, which included cartons of wheat flour, maize flour, T-shirts and soccer balls to the group's secretary Dr. Leonard Were at a function held at City Oil branch in Kamwokya.

Pearl Bikers Africa is a charity Organisation for motorcycle enthusiasts united by passion to ride for purpose with proceeds going to the disadvantaged communities



Pearl Bikers Africa riders receiving a charity offer from the Mandela Group marketing manager Herbert Bashaasha

especially the children. "I want to thank Pearl Bikers for the humanitarian initiative to support the disadvantaged and I appeal to others to emulate them," Bashaasha

said. "As Mandela group we are committed to such noble causes and we are privileged to offer our support," he added.

Were thanked Mandela group for the timely support and he appealed to other corporate brands to emulate them. "Our purposes include charity, awareness

campaigns; sensitization drives because we are aware that there are many people who lack basic essentials of life. We are excited and aspire

that through our rides we bring hope in life to these people," Were said.

After receiving the Mandela Group offer, the group rode their bikes to Gulu on Saturday and handed over the proceeds to the orphanage and returned to Kampala yesterday. Were added that their strategy is to ride for charity not only in Gulu or Uganda, but around the region as long as there is cause for the ride.

"Giving hope and putting smiles into people's lives is what we cherish.

And with brands including Mandela group, Tembo Steel, PAN Afric Impex, Neil and Spector Health Care, Plumb Base and Supreme mark we shall be able to give hope to many more people," Were added. His love for charity falls way back when he was a national Rugby 7s and 15s team player. He is also a former team doctor with the Rugby Cranes.

TERGAT CALLS FOR DEDICATION

By Michael Nsubuga

International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Olympic Refugee Foundation (ORF) board member, and one of the most accomplished Kenyan athletes of all time Paul Tergat has advised sportsmen living in refugee settlements not to lose hope but persevere in order to succeed.

Tergat was speaking to the athletes after the one-day Game Connect Annual Sports Gala 2023 that was held at the World View Primary School, Palabek Refugee Settlement in Lamwo District on Wednesday.

Having been sported from a similar program, (World Food Program) back in the late 80's in Kenya, Tergat told the athletes that through sport they can connect with anyone and become world stars. "When I was at the same age, I was a beneficiary of a similar program (World Food Program) but look at where I have reached, so I want to assure you that with this kind of initiative, you can also make it," Tergat said.

"I'm really excited to be part of this Game Connect program because I'm sure sports will open doors for you and I want to thank the government of Uganda for embracing this program which I



Adjumani players celebrate with the football trophy after the Game Connect Annual Sports Gala in Palabek

would also like to happen in my country," Tergat stated.

He said sports is one area where it is easier to connect and bring everybody on board before he thanked all the sportsmen and partners for the excellent job.

Adjumani and Kampala refugee settlements won the football and netball titles respectively during the annual sports gala that attracted participants from refugee settlements in Kampala, Adjumani, Kamwenge, Kyangwali and

Palabek Refugee Settlement in Lamwo.

Adjumani beat defending champions Kampala to the football trophy on more goals scored (2-1) after both sides had tied on 6 points and a goal difference of one each; while Kampala was unstoppable in netball after they won all their matches against all their opponents, in the one-day championship played on a round-robin basis.

The gala was played under

the theme: "Sport for better mental health and a common identity". The sports gala was aimed at promoting unity between youth from host communities and refugees, to improve the mental health of youth and to promote inclusion of people with special needs.

The sports gala was also aimed at promoting teamwork and cohesion among the youth, promoting fair play and sportsmanship as well as inclusion and participation

of youth with special needs, on top of creating awareness on the use of sport for protection.

Only five goals were scored in the five-team football tournament played for 20 minutes (each match); by Kampala's Deng Justin, Kyangwali's Diego Uwiny, Adjumani's Jinub Gatkiek and in the 1-1 draw between Adjumani and Lamwo where Martin Matair and Martine Kinyera were on target for their sides respectively.

Bolt is at a huge loss!

KINGSTON

It is the question on the lips of every Jamaican — and none more so than the country's most famous athlete, eight-time Olympic gold medal sprinter Usain Bolt.

"Where's the money gone?"

The investigation into a multi-million dollar fraud at the Kingston-based investment firm Stocks and Securities Limited (SSL), which has reportedly seen Bolt's \$12m account left almost empty, is dominating discussion in the Caribbean nation. So much so that one of the country's top dance hall artists, Gage, quickly released a song "SSL," whose chorus repeatedly asks the above question.

True to the traditions of Jamaica's vibrant and straight-talking music scene, Gage's lyrics highlight the division between Kingston's affluent and influential "uptown" residents and the young people hustling.

The song points out government efforts to clamp down on telephone and lottery scams from what he calls "ghetto youth," but notes young people never engaged in such fraud.