



***DBA AFRICA
ATHLETICS RACE
FUND***

**2025
REPORT**

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Earlier in 2025, DBA Founder Storm Trentham designed the DBA Athletics Race Fund, which she later launched in August. This initiative was born from various trips to Iten and speaking to many athletes.

The conversations proved there was a fundamental necessity: ensuring that financial barriers did not stand in the way of athletic excellence.

The fund was designed to cover the essential pillars of competition, race entry fees, transport, and accommodation, providing athletes with the stability required to compete at their highest potential.



IMPACT REPORT 2025



98

ATHLETES
IMPACTED



10

RACES
ENTERED



36

DONORS



5

MONTHS



1

FUND

IMPACT **AND** OUTREACH

Throughout the inaugural year, the fund has successfully supported **98 athletes**, both able bodied and para-athletes, facilitating their participation in 10 different local and national races.

To ensure the resources reached those with the greatest potential and need, DBA Africa maintained a transparent selection process, collaborating closely with elite coaches, managers, and renowned training centres in Iten, Rift Valley.

Athletes that applied for the fund were trying to enter into various events, whether chasing a qualifying time, personal best, financial gain or to be scouted, everyone had a huge reason to run.

RACE 1

KENYA NATIONAL CHAMPS

Abraham Gout, a Sudanese refugee who ran for the experience and to improve his time. He finished 8th in his 1500m individual and 5th in the 4x400m relay. Later in the year he picked up an injury and has since been the ARF Team Manager, a role that he has thrived in.



RACE 2 & 3

BETIKA MARATHON & ROAN ANTELOPE HALF MARATHON

We entered J Kipkorir who finished 6th place, winning 30,000 KES prize money and L. Agatha (58 yrs!) who finished 2nd in Masters winning 20,000 KES prize money.

Roan Antelope was by far our most successful race. L. Agatha improved her 2nd from the day before and won a further 100,000 KES after winning the women's race. B. Ownio won the men's race and took home 100,000 KES, whilst V. Cheboi finished 9th and won 15,000 KES prize money

These athletes needed just 9,000 KES in race support for Race 2 & 3 and they earned 265,000 KES in prize money, an incredible ROI.



RACE 4

BELGUT MARATHON

Entered Laban Kipkemboi who finished 16th, just 17 seconds from winning prize money.



RACE 5

DEAFLYMPIC KENYA TRIALS

Martin Ndungu finished 2nd where he qualified to represent Kenya in Japan. Unfortunately, he had to have surgery on his spinal cord just 2 days before departure date so was unable to represent Kenya.



RACE 6

STANDARD CHARTERED MARATHON

We entered 21 athletes to one of Kenya's biggest races and one that allowed our athletes to travel to the capital and put all their hard work to the test. For many, it was their first time to Nairobi too.

With stiff competition and prize money top 20 for the full marathon but only top 3 for the half marathon and 10km.

We had 3 PBs in the full marathon, a 9th and 18th finish in the 21km and 10th, 15th, 18th and 21st in the 10km - our fastest runner, who fell at the start, was just 30 seconds from winning Ksh 30,000 prize money.

We thank **Healthy U** for supporting the ARF and sponsoring 10 race entries for this event.



RACE 7 & 8

CHEMUSUS MARATHON & TECHRUN

We entered 5 athletes who had varying times in extremely competitive races.

No wins, lots of lessons learned.



RACE 9

ITEN MARATHON

One of the most competitive races due to it being held in Iten, the mecca of running.

We entered 4 athletes who finished 62nd and higher.

To put into perspective, another athlete we took to Dubai in February who came 2nd out of 10,000 athletes in the Burj2Burj, finished 93rd in the Iten Marathon.

RACE 10

MOIBEN HALF MARATHON

This was a very rewarding race as we were able to enter 64 out of the 400 total competing athletes.

With it being local to where the majority live in Iten, the logistics were far easier but competition far higher.

We had 8 athletes finish in the top 50, with 1.05.24 mins being our fastest time finishing 30th in the pack.

CONCLUSION **AND** OUTLOOK

The Athletics Race Fund has proven to be more than just a financial resource, it is a catalyst for professional growth. As we reflect on the achievements of these 98 individuals, DBA Africa remains committed to bridging the gap between raw talent and the global stage and we thank you all for playing such a vital role in this.

If you feel like supporting more in any shape or form in 2026 then do feel free to donate at your wish and share our ARF initiative with any like minded individuals.





THANK YOU

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