

TYSA CELEBRATES 2008 WORLD WOMEN'S DAY WITH INTERNALLY DISPLACED WOMEN

Excitements, happiness, togetherness, were all witnessed at the Kachibora internally displaced camp. The camp and it's environ came to a stand still as women, school and community girls, came dancing, singing and later participated in entertaining sports and community service activities.

What was the occasion?

Commemoration of the World Women's Day, March 8th 2008 at Kachibora Internally Displaced Persons Camp (IDP)

What happened?

Procession: Thousands of women, girls, men and children from the camp and local community participated in a one kilometer procession from Kachibora centre to Noigam primary school through the Internally Displaced Camp. The Girls from the *Empowering Kenyan rural girls through sports project* (Mama Cash) together with the East and Central Secondary Schools Soccer Champions Wiyeta Girls were among those in the procession

Service in the IDP camp: Led by former IDP girls who got secondary school scholarship through Mama Cash Project (Empowering Kenya Rural Girls through sports), they assisted with household chores, eg washing clothes, splitting fire wood, bathing children and cooking. They gave a hand in packing of household items for those leaving the camp to return to their homes. The girls also cleaned the environment by collecting litter and cleaning of the temporal tent houses

Sports: The following sports events were held; under 14 boys soccer match, secondary schools girls' school soccer matches, IDP women soccer match, Over 50 years old IDP women netball match, Girls Secondary schools and IDP women volleyball matches, Kenya Army, IDP and local community volleyball matches. A total of 21 teams participated.

Was there any achievement?

- Over 2000 women from and without the IDP Camp participated in this celebrations
- By offering services in the IDP camp, the Girls from secondary schools and the local community demonstrated their commitment to support the marginalized
- Beneficiaries of secondary schools sponsorship (mama cash) from IDP camp demonstrated great sense of Responsibility and Love by mobilizing their school mates.
- The media highlighted the suffering of women and children in the IDP camp.
- Using sports for social change was a great experience
- Informal Interactive and interpersonal sharing between different ethnic communities
- There was FUN for everyone!!!!!!!!!!

Who made it happen?

TYSA, Mama Cash, Globalgiving sponsors, Alive and Kicking Kenya, Local Administration, IDP camp committee and all participants.