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## Co-op Bank sponsors the 40<sup>th</sup> Edition of the KDF Annual Cross-Country Championships

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**Monday 1 Feb 2021** Co-op Bank was once again the sole sponsor of this year's Annual Kenya Defence Forces (AKDF) Cross-country Championships that took place on Friday 29th January, 2021 at Moi Airbase in Eistleigh, Nairobi.

The event happens every year in the month of January to enable KDF select its participants for the National, Africa and World Championship athletics events.

The annual event was graced by the Cabinet Secretary for Defence Dr Monica Juma and the KDF top brass led by the Chief of the Defence Forces Gen. Robert Kibochi. The Director Retail and Business Banking at Co-op Bank William Ndumia attended as sponsors of the event.

This year's event was the 40th Edition of the Cross-country Championship. KDF's deep athletics talent pool was on display, with world-reknown athletics featuring including the double World Champion in both the 5,000m and also Cross-country Hellen Obiri who was representing her Laikipia Air Base Team. She won the 10 kilometre Women Cross-country race. Kibiwot Kandie of Embakasi Garrison won the men's 10 kilometre Cross-country event.

Kawaha Barracks was crowned the overall winners, followed by Moi Airbase Nairobi and Thika team respectively.

Co-op Bank continues to strengthen the partnership with the KDF in grooming athletic talent within the force, which continues to produce world-beating talent in athletics. Co-op Bank will continue to support this sport that is beloved by Kenyans, and which continues to earn the country tremendous glory and fame around the world in addition to inspiring millions to lead healthier lives.



Kibiwott Kandie of Embakasi Garrison talks to the press after winning the 10 km men’s race at this year’s KDF Annual Cross-country Championships held at the Moi Air Base in Eastleigh Nairobi on Friday 29 January 2021.



The women’s 10 km race at this year’s KDF Annual Cross-country Championship held at the Moi Airbase in Eastleigh Nairobi on Friday 29 January 2021. The event was won by Hellen Obiri of Laikipia Air Base, who is also the double World Champion in both the 5,000m and also Cross-country.



Double World Champion in both the 5,000m and also Cross-country Hellen Obiri of Laikipia Air Base talks to the press after winning the 10 km women race during this year's KDF Annual Cross-country Championship held at Moi Airbase in Eastleigh Nairobi on Friday 29 January 2021.



Kawaha Barracks team celebrates after emerging overall winners of this year's KDF Annual Cross-country Championship held at Moi Airbase in Eastleigh Nairobi on Friday 29 January 2021.



GO! A roaring start of the men’s 10 km race at this year’s KDF Annual Cross-country Championships held at Moi Airbase in Eastleigh Nairobi on Friday 29 January 2021. The event was won by Kibiwott Kandie of Embakasi Garrison.



Cabinet Secretary for Defence Dr. Monica Juma fires the starter’s gun to start the main event being the 10 km men’s race at this year’s KDF Annual Cross-country Championships held at Moi Airbase in Eastleigh Nairobi on Friday 29 January 2021.



Double World Champion in both the 5,000m and also Cross-country Hellen Obiri of Laikipia Air Base races with the baton in the relay event. She won the 10 km women race at this year's KDF Annual Cross-country Championships held at Moi Airbase in Eastleigh Nairobi on Friday 29 January 2021.

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