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Winners of Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon 2025 receive KES 11.7 million in prize money, benefit from financial literacy training

8th April 2026, Nairobi, Kenya – Winners of the 22nd edition of the Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon have received a total of **KES 11,775,000** in prize money, with 42km champions Bernard C. Chepkwony and Hellen Chepkorir each awarded KES 2 million.

Chepkwony and Chepkorir delivered outstanding performances in the men’s and women’s full marathon, clocking 2:11:01 and 2:27:17 respectively.

In the men’s 42km race, Alex Chepkwik Saekwo finished second (KES 1,000,000), followed by Omullo Ezekiel Kemboi in third place (KES 500,000), Donald Kimaru Biwott in fourth (KES 300,000), and Wilfred Kiplangat in fifth (KES 200,000).

In the women’s 42km race, Naomy Chepkorir secured second place (KES 1,000,000), Beatrice Miningwo finished fourth (KES 300,000), and Jane Moraa Onyangi placed fifth (KES 200,000), alongside other strong performers who were also recognised.

In the half marathon (21km), Joshua Kithuku and Fridah Rerimoi claimed top honours in the men’s and women’s categories, each taking home KES 300,000. In the wheelchair (21km) categories, athletes were awarded a combined total of KES 1.3 million, underlining the Marathon’s continued commitment to inclusivity and support for para-athletes.

David Mwindi, Chairman of the Local Organising Committee said: “The Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon which is Kenya’s only World Athletics Road Race Label event, is more than a race; it is a platform that transforms lives. Today’s awards recognise athletic excellence while reinforcing our commitment to equipping athletes with financial knowledge for long-term success.”

Beyond recognising athletic achievement, the event also featured a financial literacy and legal advisory session led by Standard Chartered experts. The session equipped athletes with practical knowledge on managing their earnings and navigating professional contracts.

All proceeds from the Marathon support the Standard Chartered Foundation which focuses on helping young people learn, earn and grow through employability and entrepreneurship.

Joyce Kibe, Head of Corporate Affairs, Brand & Marketing, Kenya & Africa at Standard Chartered: “For over two decades, this marathon has been more than a race, raising approximately **KSh 520 million** channelled into initiatives empowering women and persons with disabilities with skills to improve their livelihoods. Last year alone, we raised **KSh 76 million** from the marathon.”

The President of Athletics Kenya, Gen. Jackson Tuwei, emphasised the importance of holistic athlete support: “The continued growth of the Marathon reflects strong collaboration between partners and Athletics Kenya. By rewarding performance, supporting athlete development and empowering athletes with financial knowledge knowledge helps them safeguard their careers, earnings and long-term wellbeing.”

The 2025 edition attracted a record 30,602 participants from 92 nationalities, including over 200 elite athletes. Participation among persons with disabilities rose to 184, up from 146 in 2024. The 10km race recorded the highest turnout, with 12,855 runners. The top participating nationalities included Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, China, the United States and the United Kingdom.

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