

## MUKESCO Peace Run

“Together we can win the race for peace and development,” Champion athlete, humanitarian, and peace activist Kip Keino. A cross-country race for peace, promoting peace across the country! Pictured below is the MUKESCO planning team, including representatives from Athletics Kenya, Moi University, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Ball State University, and the village participants.



MUKESCO was a cross-country race where everyone is welcome and everybody wins. It was an interfaith, intertribal, inter cultural international race to promote peace and community development through the sport of running. Local, national, and international sponsors were supporting this event, including Moi University, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (Indiana, USA), Ball State University (Muncie, Indiana USA), Athletics Kenya, Rivatex, Efroyson Family Foundation, Forus shoes, AMPATH, Medals for Mettle. The race was held in the vicinity of the main campus of Moi University incorporating the villages of Kesses, Bindura/Tuluet, Lelmokwo, Talai Farm, Legetet - Kosirai, Lelmorok, Momoniat/Kaptum, Assururiet/Chesuriet, and Chebaiywo.

### Structure of the Race

Athletics Kenya determined that there would be 12 categories of races from 12km, 10km, 8km, and fun runs of a shorter distance for the majority of contestants. There were nine teams anchored in the nine villages. They were named after the constituent parts or ingredients of long-term peace-building, namely love, joy, bliss, unity, harmony, hope, happiness, care, and trust. These teams had at their core a full representation of village members, young and old, boys and girls, men and women, seniors, mothers and babies, and people with disabilities. Each team was anchored by a champion runner from Eldoret, Kenya.

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