

MTN Marathon raises funds for safe water in Uganda

Speaking at the commissioning of the water project in the Nabilatuk village in Uganda, president Yoweri Museveni thanked MTN Uganda and its partners that sponsored the 2013 MTN Marathon as a fundraising initiative to provide safe and clean water to the people of Karamoja.



Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, the First lady and MTN Officials pose for a group photo at the launch of the MTN Marathon 2014 after commissioning the safe water project in Karamoja from the proceeds of the MTN Marathon 2013.

The project in Nabilatuk village is one of the places in the two sub-counties of the Nakapiririt district where 18 boreholes were constructed using the proceeds of the 2013 MTN Marathon. Museveni urged the district leaders to work with corporate companies like MTN, Stanbic, Huawei and New Vision to construct at least three boreholes in each village to increase access to clean and safe water in the district.

"I would like to urge the district leaders to work with MTN and the other partners and help these women reduce the hours they spend lining up to get water. We need to have at least three boreholes in each of the villages. Government will also construct Valley tanks for cattle in each of the 36 parishes while in the long run, we will plan to bring piped water into the towns," Museveni said.

Developmental partners

MTN CEO Brian Gouldie said MTN Uganda was committed to continue partnering with other corporate companies and with the government of Uganda as developmental partners to spearhead life changing initiatives. "We take pride in the fact that every participant who took part in the 2013 Marathon, joined hands with MTN to make a difference in the lives of the people of Karamoja.

"We have over the years dedicated ourselves to the cause of improving the society we live in by harnessing the passion that we as Ugandans have within ourselves. We have done this through many avenues, including the MTN Kampala Marathon," Gouldie said.

Following the 2013 Marathon, MTN Uganda and partners handed over UGX400m to Water Aid Uganda to implement a six months water project in Nakapiririt - part of the Karamoja sub-region and deliver safe and clean water to the people of Karamoja. This resulted into the construction of 18 boreholes in two sub-counties.

The two beneficiary sub-counties, Moruita and Nabilatuk in Nakapiririt, were selected due to the fact that they have the least water coverage of 34% and 46% respectively.

