

Moving hunger stories inspire students to donate cash

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Students of Nakuru Boys High School have saved money to help support starving Kenyans.

Five Form Three students put together a group and persuaded colleagues to donate money to buy food for the hungry in Turkana.



Nakuru High School student O'Brien Telly (right) and principal John Kirui give a cheque of Sh33,500 to The Standard Nakuru Bureau Chief Eliud Miring'uh (left), towards the 'Tuungane Tuokoe Maisha'. Photo: Lucas Thuo/Standard

Led by chairman O'Brien Telly, the students printed forms, which they distributed to colleagues and teachers and urged them to contribute.

After a month, the group collected Sh33,537 which they handed over yesterday to *The Standard* Nakuru Bureau Chief Eliud Miring'uh to be forwarded to the company's Mercy Train launched two weeks ago.

Mr Telly said they were touched by stories of starving people carried by the newspaper and decided to join other Kenyans in

helping out.

Moving stories

"The stories were so moving. Despite this, politicians engaged in corruption and succession politics which cannot save the hungry," he said.

He added the idea was to signal to politicians that the youth were ready to chart their destiny. The group members included Nicholas Rotich, Felix Momanyi, Bakari Musha and Allan Tate Harte.

Telly said they went from hostel to hostel to convince colleagues to donate.

They got through to 200 students and 10 teachers. He said it was difficult persuading their colleagues given the hard economic times.

"It was difficult raising funds as most of us come to school even without pocket money," he said.

School principal John Kirui said the students' idea was noble.

Mr Miring'uh, who received the cheque on behalf of the Standard Group, said the students' action was creditable and urged other institutions to assist needy Kenyans.

He added the company would ensure the funds reached starving Kenyans in good time to save lives.

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