

Young talent shines in literacy competition



The community library we built in Cote d'Ivoire continues to act as a vibrant hub for community and culture. Recently, the San Pedro, CI library hosted a competition for school children to showcase their dictation, reading, and poetry skills.

This special event was supported by the Regional Directorate of National Education and Literacy (DRENA) and saw enthusiastic participation from primary schools across San Pedro. A total of 18 children, across the three disciplines were selected for the final round.



The grand finale took place at the library on Tuesday, 6 May 2025 in the presence of several distinguished authorities. Each of the 18 participants was awarded a bag, a t-shirt, and a certificate of participation, celebrating their hard work and dedication.

The top three achievers in each category received a water bottle and vouchers. While the overall winners in each category were also awarded school supplies for the next year.

This event not only highlighted the talents of young students but also reinforced the library's role as a cornerstone of learning and cultural development in the community. We look forward to hosting more events like this in the future.

UltraLime Stories:

An Interview with Benson Silweya

When did you start running?

I started running short distances, 4 -5km, in 2020. By 2023 I was collecting medals - my first for a 7.5km.

What's the motivation behind running?

Improving my physical wellbeing was my primary objective, but along the way I realised that during and after a race my mind is opened. A lot happens during a race: negative energy is suppressed, you feel how much more your body can push. Additionally, running lets me to explore new places, especially longer routes or trail runs. I also enjoy group running for the positive morale and motivation to reach the finish line.

What role does UltraLime play in your running?

It helps me with my weekly training routine and accumulating more kilometres.

How has your running journey inspired other CMO employees?

I have noticed more employees coming on board; especially for local events. But it's really them inspiring me when they ask about the next marathon.

What's next - do you have an upcoming race that you're training for?

I'm doing the Kitwe marathon in June. And, if I train well, I plan to hit the next barrier by running the Comrades Marathon in 2026.



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- **Senegal:** Partnered with JVE Senegal to launch the pilot phase of a 'green school' project that will roll out sustainable improvements in the local schools in Bandia
- **Mauritania:** Celebrated their annual Health Day with activities aimed at improving wellbeing and taking care of their environment by *plogging* - a Swedish term for picking up litter while jogging.
- **Ghana:** Building work continues on the staff common room at Ayuusi Yine Junior High School in Bolgatanga.