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Coastweek-- The four East Anglia University students, Daniel Cooper, Michael Cannon, Daniel Welcha and Dell Bajrami from England arriving at the Lunga Lungu border post on their way to Mombasa, covering over 8,000 kilometers trip to raise funds for Glad's House Kenya which help street children to participate in sporting activities. PHOTO: ABDULRAHMAN SHERIFF

British Students Cycle Over 8,000km To Help Street Kids

COAST YOUTHS ASKED TO TAKE INTEREST IN SPORTS AS SPORTSMEN ARE CURRENTLY THE MOST HIGHLY PAID PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

Coastweek-- Four British university students raised Sh420,000 after riding their bicycle to over 8,000 kilometres which is part of their donation to Glad's House Kenya, a Non-Governmental Organisation which helps street children by involving them in sporting activities.

The four East Anglia University students, Daniel Cooper, Michael Cannon, Daniel Welcha and Dell Bajrami would get more money for the organization after having completed the trip after cycling from UK to Mombasa .

"Many other sponsors pledged to donate after we complete the trip," said Cooper who expressed hope the organization to play an important role to make sure the street children are looked upon and play sports to reach at the top.

The Glad's House director, Fred Bokey Achola welcomed the four Britons and promised to form a new bicycle club consists of street children which will compete against others during national and international competitions from next year.

Achola commended the four students for travelling from UK to Kenya and raised funds for the organization, promising that the money will be utilized for its intended purpose.

"We'll use the money to uplift the standard of our sports teams taking part in soccer, basketball and boxing and now cycling," said Achola.

The Msambweni MP, Omar Zonga who welcomed the students at the Lungalunga border post from Tanzania , asked Coast youths to take keen interest in sports saying sportsmen are currently the highly paid people all over the world.

"I hope our youngsters including girls and women will take sports seriously and not concentrate only in football alone.

"There are so many sports including rugby, athletics, basketball, volleyball, tennis, golf and swimming whose winners are highly paid," said the MP.

He commended the Britons for raising funds that will help the youth to concentrate in playing sports instead of involving themselves in bad habits including taking of drugs.

The Britons started their trip in London to France , Germany , Austria , Slovakia , Hungary , Serbia , Bulgaria and Turkey before flying to South Africa where they rode their bicycles through Swaziland , Mozambique and Tanzania and crossed to Kenya through Lungalunga border.

From Lungalunga, the Britons were accompanied with street children who are members of the Glad's House and pedalled their way to the organization headquarters in Magongo, Changamwe.

Currently, Glad's House Kenya has five teams, Havana Boxing Club, Coastal Queens soccer and basketball teams and Coastal kings soccer and basketball teams.