Sports stars to build a hospital in Eldoret

Manchester United's soccer sensation Cristiano Ronaldo, actress Natalie Portman, London Marathon champion Martin Lel of Kenya, and Golden Globe Awards and Screen Actors Guild Awards winner Anthony Edwards (Dr. Mark Greene) are among the celebrities who will be coming to raise funds for building a children's hospital in Eldoret.

The celebrities are expected to participate in charity event dubbed Shoe4Africa slated for August 30 in Eldoret in which they will lay plans for construction of the hospital.

The proposed hospital, with 250 beds, will be a separate building on the Moi Referral Hospital campus and will cost Sh960 million.

The Shoe4Africa children's hospital is a natural progression of Shoe4Africa's commitment to helping where the need is the greatest.

Mbeki steals Eric's thunder in Zim

EAST and Southern African Idols winner, Eric Moyo and second best Nicolette Kiiga jetted in last Wednesday in Zimbabwe from Kenya to a hero's welcome, which regrettably was without the pomp and fanfare that was widely expected.

Moyo touched down just about the same time the South African President Thabo Mbeki landed.

An army of photographers and journalists shifted their focus to rush to the "more news worthy occasion" leaving two reporters and two photographers and a handful of screaming female fans to welcome the Idols star.

Moyo's arrival also coincided with Reserve Bank Governor, Gideon Gono's reading of the monetary policy. Zimbabweans seemed too busy figuring out their way out of the economic quagmire to celebrate the idol's win.

After almost an hour of what looked a slow and tiring Zimbabwe Revenues Authority's checking of all the goodies Eric had bought in Kenya, an excited Moyo emerged to modestly tell fans and journalists "I was proud that many people came out to welcome him."

They certainly did not come out in droves like they did when American star Joe Thomas came early February.

Later on at a local hotel he told the press that he carried the Zimbabwe flag at the talent show. Because "It was an opportunity to show Africa what Zimbabwe is all about," he said. "I was happy that we showed we have the talent."