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## ISHR KENYA PARTNERS TO LAUNCH SANITARY PAD-ATM IN AN INFORMAL SETTLEMENT SCHOOL

With an estimated population of over 25 million Kenyans living in poverty, period poverty is

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mattress, tissues and old clothes.

ISHR-Kenya chapter, though proud of this milestone still has the challenge of ensuring the supply of pads inside the ATM is constant and hopefully take part in installing more PAD ATMs in poor neighbourhoods within Nairobi's slums.

The installation of the ATM PAD also unfortunately exposed the ISHR-Kenya president to threats from individuals who have politicised period poverty for personal gain. Some of the high-level individuals who profit from campaigns and funding around period justice felt exposed because the launch had the public questioning how the millions of euros donated to ensure Kenyan girls are dignified through supply of sanitary products in schools are utilized.

On the day of the launch, the Kenyan government through the Cabinet Secretary in the ministry of Gender, Culture, the Arts and Heritage made an announcement to commit to ensuring period justice for all Kenyan girls. ISHR-Kenya hopes that the government finally takes this issue seriously and gives it the attention it deserves.

Knowing how slowly promised action by government offices is effected, and with the millions of girls in urgent need of this support, ISHR-Kenya invites the support of the international ISHR family in providing funding to buy more PAD ATMs and specifically sanitary towels to the already installed ATM that is currently serving the 1000 girls of Dandora high school.

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