

THE GREAT ETHIOPIAN RUN (GER)

November 18, 2018

Essentially a mass-participation fun-run for
about 44,000 participants with 500 places
reserved for chip-timed elites

A Security Checkpoint

Only participants wearing race event shirts get through.





Excited participants heading for their starting corral after passing through the security frisking station

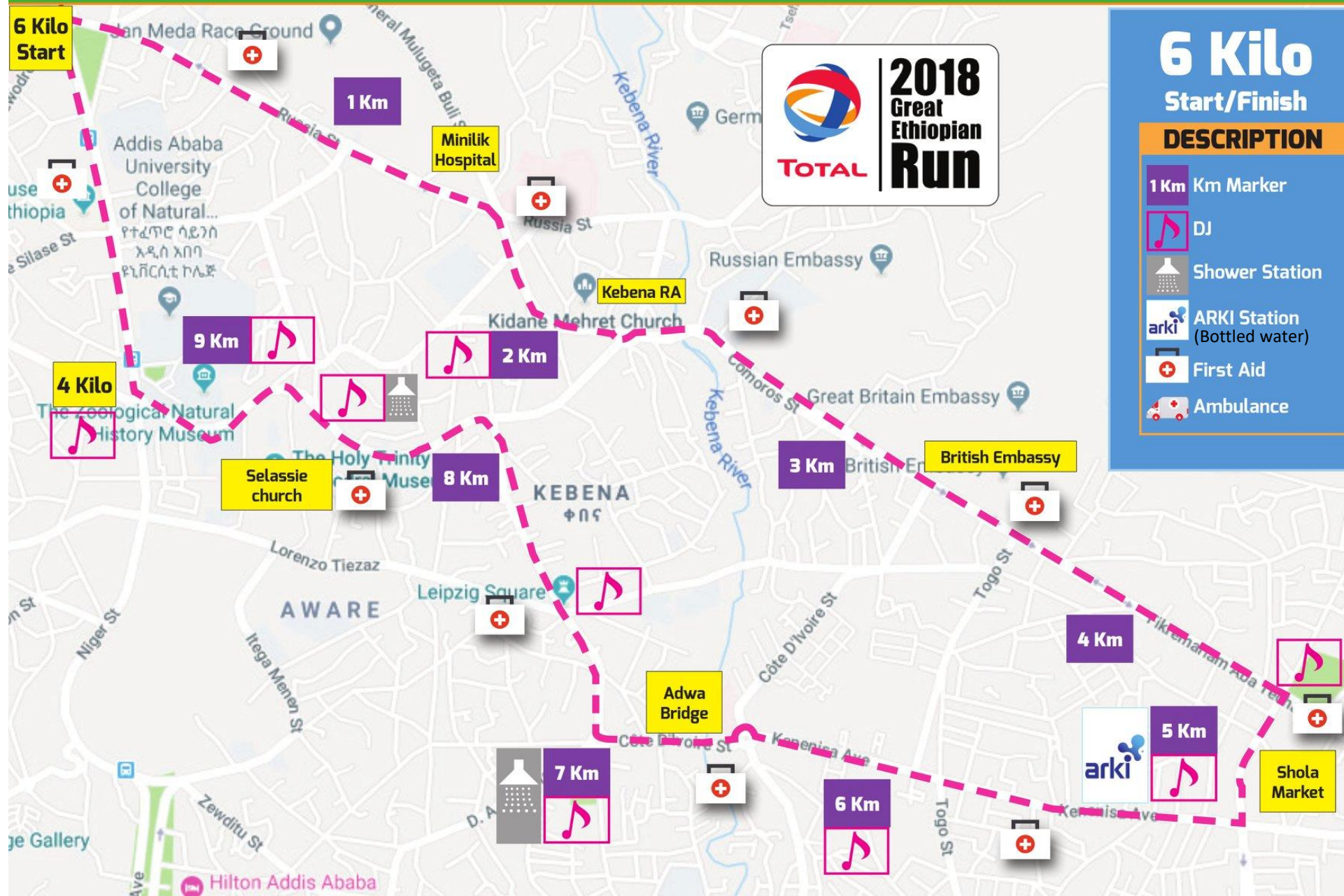
One of the many workout teams



A Great Sign of Progress:
Equity is in the air.

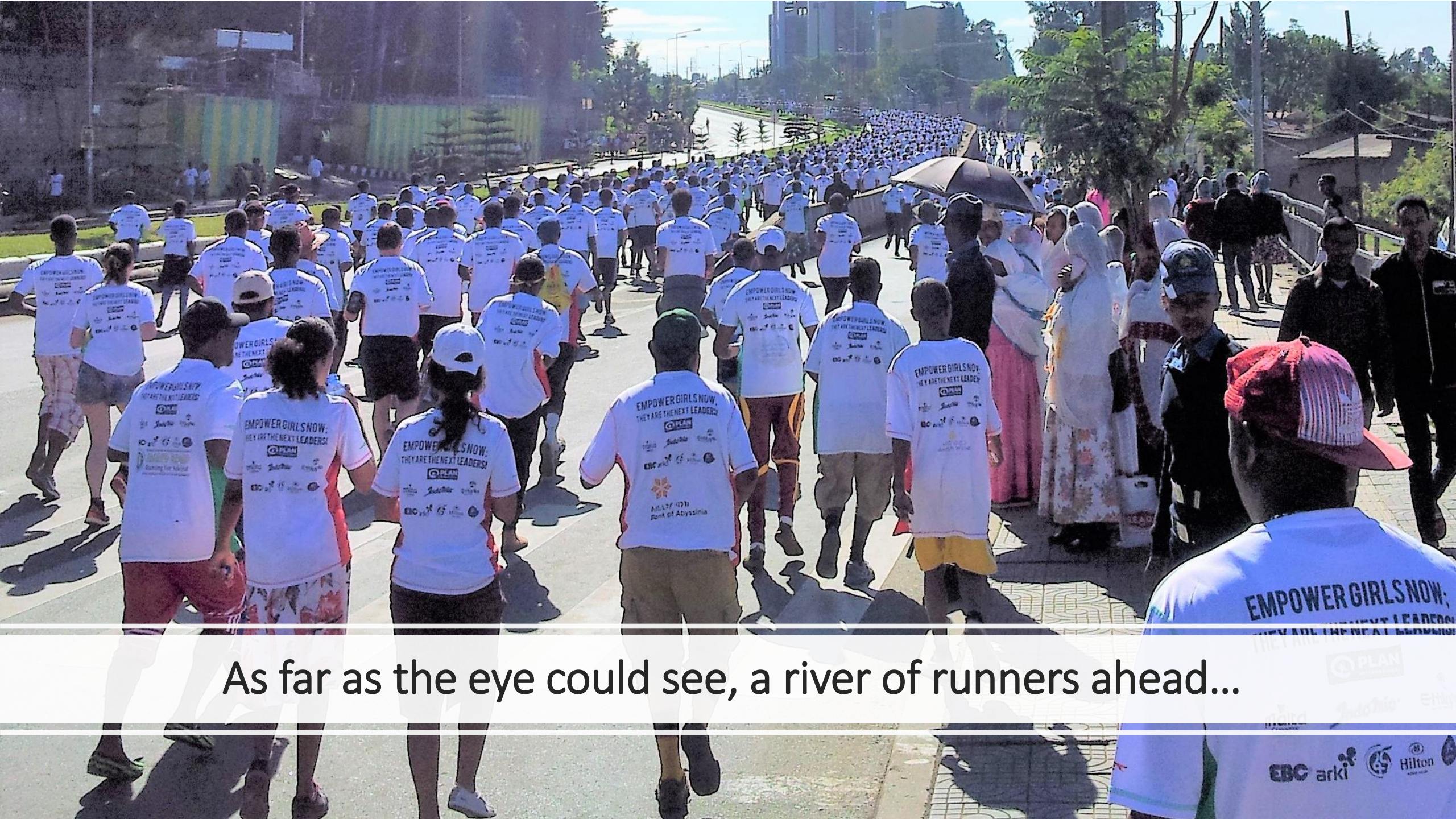


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Arrival at the start line 2 minutes
and 420m into the run



As far as the eye could see, a river of runners ahead...

...and behind.





Joyful People at a Shower Station



Jazzing up the Spectacle

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Most of us missed the winged option.



Some Dude Runners



The event was part fashion parade...



...and pride in national colours.





Joyful celebration
with a sobering message

Printed on these shirts *UN 2018 Women*

I didn't see these ladies, the picture was in the GER facebook site, but the UN in Ethiopia did partner with the GER to organize a run on March 11, 2018 under the theme **Violence-Free Life: It's My Rights**.

<https://tinyurl.com/yc6bopa9>

According to Ethiopian Demographic Health Survey, prevalence of spousal violence (domestic violence) is 35%; one third of ever-married women reported that they have experienced violence from their husband or partner. The report also says 47% of girls aged 15-19 have undergone Female Genital Mutilation /Cutting.

Perhaps this joyful image reflects a new optimism throughout the land. On April 2, 2018 Dr. Abiy Ahmed became the nation's prime minister and quickly appointed women to head half of its ministries. He has since brokered peace with Eritrea (Eritrean athletes were in this year's GER for the first time) and has now appointed the country's first female president.



Start of a wheel chair conga line or just hitching a free ride?



Back for the 13th time (at least 12 prior medals on display)

2018 Elite GER Results

Women				Men			
Rank	Bib #	Name	Time	Rank	Bib #	Name	Time
1	411	Foten Tesfaye	33:43.5	1	128	Hagos G/Hiwot	28:54.3
2	416	Tsehay Gemechu	33:48.8	2	152	Bonsa Dida	29:03.8
3	312	Tsege Gebreselama	33:52.8	3	185	Tilahun Ayen	29:13.7
4	331	Etagegn Weldu	34:02.8	4	57	Birhanu Wendimu	29:17.5
5	422	Yealemzerf Yehuala	34:07.6	5	15	Abe Gashaw	29:26.8
6	380	Abeba Ejigu	34:09.5	6	173	Aredoy Tiumay	29:28.3
7	419	Degitu Azmera	34:15.6	7	206	Demis Legese	29:33.3
8	391	Zenebu Fikadu	34:22.8	8	155	Debeli Gezu	29:35.5
9	377	Asnakech Aweke	34:23.3	9	224	Dinkalem Ayele	29:36.3
10	403	Birho Adehana	34:42.8	10	228	Mustefa Tabo	29:42.8
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Happy Medallers



On return to the Addis Regency, happy recipients of 2 of the approximately 44,000 medals are ready to cleanup, relax and enjoy companionship with fellow guests and the hotel's ever friendly and helpful staff.

