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FILMAID FESTIVAL LAUNCHED IN NAIROBI

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The National Museum in Nairobi was the place to be last Friday night as the FilmAid Festival was officially launched. The festival shows documentary and feature films from around the world.

The FilmAid group specialises in giving refugees a chance to achieve their true potential, by training those interested in the art of filmmaking. The organisation currently led by **Iliane Ogilvie Thompson** partnered with the world famous Sundance Film Festival to get together several mouth-watering shows in Nairobi.

The festival kicked off with a feature film called "Boy" - a coming of age story - that depicted 1980s New Zealand.

One of the movie's stars **Taika Waititi** who had been flown in specifically for this showing fielded questions on the film before everyone headed out for cocktails with filmmakers of all stripes taking the opportunity to mill and bond. In attendance, apart from FilmAid president **Iliane Thompson** who had to catch a flight to London, was the executive director of the Sundance Film Institute **Keri Putnam**, the US Ambassador **Scott Gratton** and his wife **Judy** as well as Kenya International Film Festival director **Charles Asiba**.

The films will now be screened for disadvantaged areas around the country including Kibera and Kakuma and Dadaab refugee camps.



1. Ana Maria Ruiz Aranibar, Florence Clara Shitem and Danielle Leymare. 2. Charles Asiba with Keri Putnam. 3. Phil Robson (film director), Stephanie Allain (producer) and Willie Barton. 4. Nana Gecaga with Iliane Ogilvie Thompson, President FilmAid. 5. US Ambassador Scott Gratton with his wife Judy. 6. Visiting actor Taika Waititi. 7. Liz Manne of FilmAid, Alfie Woodward and Elfen Hanraiton.