

Tegla Loroupe is a Kenyan long-distance track and road runner. She was the first African woman to win the New York City Marathon and has held many world records. She was born western Kenya. Tegla grew in an area where many tribes depend on raising cattle for a living. the age seven, she started to go school - which involved a barefoot run of ten kilometres every morning. It was school that she became aware of her talent for running and decided to pursue a career a runner. Loroupe founded the Telga Loroupe Peace Foundation in Kenya which aims to promote peace through sport. The foundation has also built a school that offers children access sports addition protection and education.