

With support from patron Stephen Rea, Cystinosis Foundation Ireland launched its campaign to make an appeal to the public for participants in the 2008 Flora Womens' Mini Marathon. He remarked:



*"The people involved with Cystinosis Foundation Ireland do tremendous work for this rare disease, and it's an uphill battle for them. There's little Government support so they're down to shaking buckets at football matches and raising money where they can. They've begun funding essential research into the disease and they're committed to raising €70,000 each year for the next three years. The Womens' Mini Marathon is their biggest chance this year and they're competing with huge charities. I'm doing what I can to help by letting people know they're out there and looking for the runners and the walkers on June 2."*