

# press release

## Standard Chartered Bank to Launch "Employee Volunteering Month"

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Accra, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 – Standard Chartered Bank announces that September 21<sup>st</sup> to October 20<sup>th</sup> will be 'Employee Volunteering Month'. With over 8,000 staff in Africa, the Bank encourages its staff to use their interests and skills to help out in the local communities in which it is based to make a real difference.

Members of staff have 3 days each outside their leave to engage in volunteering. Many spend time working on causes the bank supports, such as eradicating preventable blindness, support for people living with HIV/AIDS or financial education. Other employees choose to volunteer for a cause close to their own heart, from planting trees, mentoring or training youth on health and hygiene.

Commenting on the launch, Kweku Bedu-Addo, CEO, Standard Chartered, Ghana said: "We believe that volunteering is good for our communities, staff and our business. The Bank offers every employee three days paid leave to volunteer and its great to see staff showing strong commitment and passion to serve the community in which we operate. We look forward to the opportunity of using our skills in making a unique contribution to Ghana this year".

Last year, Standard Chartered staff donated over 9,700 employee volunteering days in Africa, with Ghana contributing 1,730 of this.

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