

# press release

## Standard Chartered declares October as 'Africa Employee Volunteering Month'

*...Staff aim to achieve over 120 days of delivering benefit to communities*

**Banjul, September, 2012** – Standard Chartered has declared October as 'Employee Volunteering Month' in Africa in an effort to deliver more benefit to the communities in which staff live and work across the continent.

As per the Bank's Employee Volunteering policy, each member of staff is entitled to three days of volunteering leave which does not form part of their annual leave.

Through Employee Volunteering, the Bank's staff commit their time and skills to help meet the critical needs of their local communities. Last year, the Bank's staff in Africa achieved an impressive 5,191 Employee Volunteering days against a target of 4830 days. This year the target for Africa is set at 5782 days.

Commenting on the initiative, Humphrey Mukwereza, Chief Executive of Standard Chartered Gambia said:

"Employee Volunteering is at the heart of our brand promise to be Here for good. It is a clear and tangible demonstration of the Bank's commitment to its staff and to its communities. In the Gambia and across Africa, many of our staff have demonstrated their personal commitment to volunteering and fundraising. This leaves no doubt that we will achieve our target days; delivering crucial support to our communities and showing in a very real way what our brand promise, Here for good, stands for".

In October, staff in the Bank's markets in Africa, including the Gambia will be volunteering in activities related to the prevention of avoidable blindness, malaria prevention, financial literacy, career counselling, HIV/AIDS awareness and environmental protection".

Across its global footprints, the Bank has set an ambitious target of achieving over 70,000 volunteering days across its African markets by the end of 2012 and the Africa Employee Volunteering Month is expected to contribute significantly in making this target possible.

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