

## **Standard Chartered Staff celebrate Follow The Sun Day with SOS Children's Village.**

**The Gambia, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2014.** Standard Chartered Bank staff on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2014 celebrated "Follow The Sun Day" with the orphans at the SOS Children's Village in Bakoteh. The Bank pledges to ensure environment stewardship through specific projects which will have a positive impact in the societies where they operate. The Follow the Sun campaign is celebrated globally by Group Standard Chartered Corporate Real Estate department.

In the Gambia, over 45 Standard Chartered Bank staff volunteered to plant fruit trees at the SOS Children's Village. A donation of household items and gardening tools consisting of rakes, spades, forks and watering cans and vegetable seeds worth **GMD50, 000.00** was also made to the orphanage.

Commenting, Baboucarr Ceesay Standard Charter's Head of CRES, said, "At Standard Chartered we take our responsibility towards protecting the environment very seriously. The enthusiastic involvement of our employees is essential to help us achieve our own targets and to promote environmental standards amongst stakeholders. We encourage them to take action at work, at home and in their communities to raise awareness, on the environment.

Standard Chartered's approach to protecting the environment is part of the Bank's broader sustainability agenda which views all actions in terms of their environmental impact, and economic and social contribution to being Here for good in The Gambia.

Mr Beyai Deputy Director of SOS Children's Village commended Standard Chartered for the wonderful gesture and mentioned that from 2008, Standard Chartered Bank Gambia has sponsored the SCB Family house of 10 orphans at the Village in the tune of D1million over the years. He further thanked the Bank for always coming to the aid of the SOS Children's Village.