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## **Impala Rugby teens off to UK for the Standard Chartered TourAid Festival of Rugby 2015**

**Nairobi, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015...**The Impala Saracens Rugby Academy under 13 Team leaves the country on Wednesday to participate in the two week **Standard Chartered TourAid Festival of Rugby 2015**. Under invitation by the Beacon Prep School, the 10 Boys and two Carers will be in the U.K. on a social, cultural and sporting activity tour from Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September to Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

The tour is part of the wider rugby partnership between Standard Chartered Bank and Impala Saracens Rugby Academy established in 2012. Under the program, the academy uses rugby to positively influence youth in the community around Impala Club. Through rugby, the program provides a pathway for the community youth from strained socio-economic circumstances to support the development of key life skills.

Speaking during the presentation of the sponsorship, Peter Gitau, Standard Chartered Rugby Committee Chairman, lauded the Bank's partnership with Impala saying the 12 year old partnership has been instrumental in exposing young players to the international stage. "It is envisaged that the tour will impact the aspirations of the boys, raise their self-esteem and confidence and develop a new optimism via the youth leaders, role models and mentors it will create," said Mr. Gitau.

"While in the U.K, the Impala Saracens Academy U13 Team will meet boys from Botswana, Colombia, Hong Kong, India, Lao, South Africa, Swaziland and Uganda who will be taking part in the **Standard Chartered TourAid Festival of Rugby**. It is expected that the tour will have a great impact, short and medium term not only on the touring boys, but also the children in the host communities," said Mr Godwin Karuga Impala Club Chairman.

The group of 10 U-13 boys accompanied by two Carers include Sospeter Otieno, Derrick Njoroge, Ben Mwaniki, Milton Riono, Josephat Ingati, Henry Owuor, Richard Owino, Isaac Nyongesa, Shaquille Odhiambo and Ibrahim Warku. The Carers accompanying the group are Nicholas Abok and Diana Awino.

The tour is fully funded Standard Chartered Bank.

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