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**KShs17 million raised from the 2011 Standard Chartered Nairobi
Marathon**

***All funds to sponsor sight restoration initiatives in five hospitals across
the country***

Kshs.17 million was realised in the just concluded Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon where 15,000 people participated. This is up from KShs16 million raised last year.

The proceeds raised came from both individual and corporate participants registration fees as well as cash donations. All funds raised from the event will go towards restoring sight to children under the age of nine suffering from cataract, glaucoma and trauma related blindness through “Seeing is Believing”, the Bank’s global initiative aimed at combating avoidable blindness.

Speaking at the cheque handover ceremony, Standard Chartered Bank Chief Executive, Richard Etemesi said that this year’s marathon was a great success.

“The increased contribution will enable us expand our support for eye surgeries in various parts of the country. The bank will provide funding towards the purchase of state of the art eye equipment for the hospitals we support. This is in line with our objective of providing surgery to as many children as possible but at the same time guaranteeing quality,” added Etemesi.

Cash donations in support of “Seeing is Believing” came from various organisations and schools in Nairobi.

All funds raised will go towards sponsoring sight restoring surgeries in five hospitals in the Coast, Western, Rift Valley and Central Provinces. They are:

- Kwale District Eye Hospital
- Sabatia Eye Hospital
- Light House for Christ
- Temwek Eye hospital
- Kikuyu Eye Hospital

Standard Chartered Bank will once again work with the Christian Blind Mission (CBM), who are the bank’s technical partners in implementing all “Seeing is Believing” initiatives in the country.

Next year’s event will be held on October 28th .