

# press release

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## **Standard Chartered Bank supports orphaned children through Rugby**

**Nairobi 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015...** Standard Chartered Bank continued with its efforts to popularise rugby among the underprivileged with a donation of playing kit to Sure 24 Children's home.

The donation is part of the ongoing partnership between the Bank and Kenya's Impala rugby youth academy which has seen children from the slums play rugby and pursue studies and life skills as part of Standard Chartered Bank community engagement program.

Speaking during the presentation Peter Gitau, Rugby Committee Chairman, reiterated Standard Chartered's commitment to use sports to inculcate life skills among children from less privileged back grounds.

Located in Nakuru, Sure24 operates two children's homes for 160 boys and girls.

There is also **Restoration House** set up to specifically work with children just off the streets, as a transition from the streets to full time care.

**The Living Fountain Academy** is a Primary School for 300+ children from Sure24 and the local community.

Sure 24 home was officially established in 2005 as a boys home and early in 2012 they started admitting girls thus changing status from the Original Sure24 boys into Sure24 home.

The funding from Standard Chartered Bank is part of a five year deal that was signed between the Bank and Impala Club two years ago.

Mr. Peter Gitau Standard Chartered Bank Rugby Committee Chairman said the Bank will continue supporting development of youth rugby to help the Kenya Rugby Union build a stable feeder system for the national team. "We are indeed gratified by the impact this

partnership has had in the country's rugby. The Club's continued participation in the Singapore Tour and the sound rugby academy structures set up through funding from Standard Chartered Bank has not only provided the much needed exposure of our local players but also helped expose many children to the game at an early age," said Mr. Gitau.

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