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2000 girls to benefit from adolescent empowerment program

Nairobi Monday 15th June 2015...Standard Chartered Bank has launched a project to empower adolescent girls across the country. The Goal Project will reach out to 2000 under privileged girls equipping them with knowledge on HIV/AIDS, Financial literacy and mentorship.

The Kenya Chapter of the Goal project will be implemented by Vijana Amani Pamoja, an NGO operating in the eastern part of the city. The Goal project which has been rolled out by Standard Chartered Group across 12 countries in Africa and Asia has so far trained 145,000 girls since it was first launched in New Delhi in 2006. The program is targeting to reach more than 500,000 girls aged between 12-20 years from low income families in urban areas across the Bank's global footprint in the next three years.

The Kenya Chapter was launched at Our Lady of Mercy primary school in Shauri Moyo by Mrs Susan Kidero. Five schools have been selected to take part in the first phase which will train 300 girls. These are Mcedo Beijing Primary and Mercy Care from Mathare, Nazareth from Mukuru and Ngei Primary and Secondary from Huruma.

Speaking during the launch Annie Kinuthia, Standard Chartered Head of Corporate Affairs said the Bank will spend more than Kshs 6.5 million to reach out to the girls this year. We believe investing in women has a multiplier effect on the society. Adolescent girls have the potential to be the most significant agents of change in the community and to a larger extent the economy. The program will give the girls the tools to shape their own future thus contributing immensely to their empowerment," she said.

The program will ensure that Goal graduates enjoy access to wider educational benefits, contribute to cultural change and potentially impact on their future lives. The program is currently running in China, India, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Myanmar Jordan, Nigeria, Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda and South Africa.

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Notes to Editors

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