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# Standard Chartered gives back to the community by Volunteering

Employee Volunteering is a core component of the Bank's integrated community strategy. The Bank offers each member of staff three days' paid leave for volunteering as part of the wider Here for good brand promise. Volunteering is one of the best ways that individuals can demonstrate they are Here for good.

As part of the Employee Volunteering Programme the Bank organised Relief Collection camps across the major cities in the country. Employees not only donated relief items, but also volunteered their time to package the relief items for the affected victims. This was a one-day camp, in which 900 cartons of relief items were packed by 800 employee volunteers.

In addition to this, the staff members took 175 children from The Citizen's Foundation school to see the dolphin show in Karachi. Over conversations about marine life and the environment, the children were entertained by the performance of dolphins, a sea lion and a Beluga whale. This environment based employee volunteering activity not only increased marine life awareness but also helped create a big splash.

In 2013 the Bank staff volunteered more than 4500 days through various employee volunteering initiatives across the country.

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### Notes to Editors:

### Standard Chartered – leading the way in Asia, Africa and the Middle East

**Standard Chartered PLC** is a leading international banking group. It has operated for over 150 years in some of the world's most dynamic markets and earns more than 90 per cent of its income and profits in Asia, Africa and the Middle East. This geographic focus and commitment to developing deep relationships with clients and customers has driven the Bank's growth in recent years. Standard Chartered PLC is listed on the London and Hong Kong stock exchanges as well as the Bombay and National Stock Exchanges in India.

With 1,700 offices in 70 markets, the Group offers exciting and challenging international career opportunities for nearly 87,000 staff. It is committed to building a sustainable business over the long term and is trusted worldwide for upholding high standards of corporate governance, social responsibility, environmental protection and employee diversity. Standard Chartered's heritage and values are expressed in its brand promise, 'Here for good'.

For more information on Standard Chartered, please visit www.standardchartered.com

#### Standard Chartered Pakistan

Standard Chartered Bank (Pakistan) Ltd. is the oldest and largest international bank in Pakistan. It is also the first international bank to be awarded Islamic banking licence and the first to open an Islamic banking branch.

2013 marked Standard Chartered's 150th anniversary in Pakistan. The Bank, which started as the Chartered Bank opened its first office in Karachi in March 1863.

The Banks serves both Corporate Institutional and Retail Clients. Provides credit cards, personal loans, mortgages, deposit taking and wealth management services to individuals and small to medium sized enterprises, trade finance, cash management, lending, securities services, foreign exchange, debt capital markets and corporate finance to Corporate Institutional Clients. It also offers a complete suite of Islamic banking solutions under its Standard Chartered Saadig brand.

Standard Chartered was assigned a rating of AAA/ A1+ by PACRA. In 2012 and 2013 it won the award for Best Bank in Pakistan by The Asset Triple A for two consecutive years.

The Bank employs over 4,500 people in Pakistan and has a network of 116 branches of which 10 are dedicated Standard Chartered Saadiq branches as well as 191 ATMs.