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Standard Chartered Bank Finance Staff embark on an HIV Awareness Campaign

Standard Chartered Bank Zimbabwe marks 15 years of Living with HIV/AIDS Initiative

Harare, Friday 24 October 2014: The Finance department at Standard Chartered Bank Zimbabwe today embarked on a 12km walk from Mashambanzou to the city centre in commemoration of the Bank's Living with HIV/AIDS programme which has been in existence for 15 years. The march started with a donation of goods to Mashambanzou Centre in Waterfalls. The Bank offers its staff three 'volunteer days' per year, in addition to annual leave for community work. The Employee Volunteering programme reinforces the Bank's commitment to contribute positively to the economies and communities where it operates, a key part of its Here for good brand promise.

In 1999, the Bank took action to protect its staff from a disease that has affected 75 million people to date. This year marks the 15th anniversary of Living with HIV (LwHIV), the Bank's groundbreaking HIV and AIDS employee and community investment programme. Initially launched in Africa, the programme was extended across the global footprint in 2003. Today, comprehensive awareness campaigns and medical advancements have helped us reach the tipping point in the global fight against the disease. However, while more HIV positive people are accessing treatments to help them lead full lives, we still face enormous challenges.

Standard Chartered Bank Zimbabwe Head of Corporate Affairs, Lillian Hapanyengwi said: *"Employee Volunteering is important to Standard Chartered Bank, as it gives staff members the opportunity to be active in assisting the communities in which they live. Staff members identify causes they are passionate about and are allowed to take time off to participate in various initiatives of their choice. The HIV/AIDS awareness walk today is one very good example and the bank is very proud of them"*

Other examples include financial literacy programmes, gardening, cleaning of orphanage premises, cooking at Old People's homes and spending quality time with the under-privileged.

Standard Chartered also encourages employees to donate time to its own global community investment programmes, including:

- Seeing is Believing - a unique partnership between the Bank, the International Association for the Prevention of Blindness and local NGOs to deliver eye care for 20 million people in deprived communities
- Nets for Life – a programme which aims to eliminate malaria in affected countries.

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Notes to the Editor:

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In Africa, Standard Chartered has more than 8,000 staff and a history of more than 150 years. Currently the Bank covers 37 markets on the continent – 16 on a local presence basis, and an additional 22 on a transaction basis supporting its clients. Given its unique footprint, Standard Chartered is ideally positioned to facilitate and support valuable trade and investment corridors intra-Africa, and between Africa and the rest of the world. Findings from an independent study confirm that Standard Chartered supports just under 2 million jobs in Sub Saharan Africa, and contributes more than USD10.7billion or 1.2% of the region's GDP. In leading markets such as Kenya, Ghana and Zambia, the Bank's operations provide work for just under 3% of the local workforce. Standard Chartered's commitment to innovative partnerships such as 'Power Africa' enables the Bank to live its brand promise to be 'Here for good', and facilitate the delivery of electricity to more than 20 million people and companies over 5 years.

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