

press release

October is 'Volunteering Month' for employees across Standard Chartered's African footprint

Employees aim to make a difference in the community with a target of more than 5,700 volunteer days

Harare, 17 September, 2012 – October is 'Volunteering Month' for the more than seven thousand staff across Standard Chartered's African footprint. With a target of more than 5,700 days for the year, employees aim to make a difference in the lives of others by giving their personal time and effort to a variety of projects. Initiatives include: mentoring young students, advising small enterprises in financial management skills, supporting environmental initiatives, preventing the spread of Malaria and promoting HIV / AIDS awareness.

In addition to their annual leave, every staff member at Standard Chartered is entitled to three days of volunteering. The Bank's objective is to encourage employees to commit their time and unique skills to help meet the needs of their local communities. Last year, staff in Africa achieved an incredible 5,191 Employee Volunteering days against a target of 4,830 days.

Commenting on the initiative, Ralph Watungwa, Chief Executive Officer said:

"Employee Volunteering is at the heart of our brand promise, to be Here for good. It's simply another way we can proactively demonstrate our commitment to our staff, and to the communities in which we operate. Our staff in Zimbabwe are passionate about volunteering as these initiatives not only help individuals in the community, but also enrich the hearts and minds of our volunteers. We look forward to October bringing many inspiring volunteer activities."

Across its global footprint, the Bank has set an ambitious target of achieving over 70,000 volunteering days by the end of 2012 and the Africa Employee Volunteering Month is expected to contribute to making this target possible.

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