

press release

Standard Chartered provides vulnerable communities with COVID-19 relief.

- *Bank provides food items (staples) and hygiene products to vulnerable households in Accra.*
- *Bank supports children in vulnerable communities with educational materials.*

19th May 2020 – Accra: –Standard Chartered Bank Ghana Limited has today partnered with United Way Ghana to provide COVID 19 relief to vulnerable households in the Ayawaso District of the Greater Accra Region. The relief package comprises nutrition packs, health and hygiene items to vulnerable households, literacy materials for children and sanitation items to a Community Health Centre.

Beyond giving out the relief packs, United Way Ghana will also undertake community sensitisation to ensure families follow hygiene protocols.

The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted the vulnerable and Standard Chartered Bank, as part of its GHS 1 million commitment to support emergency relief and aid those affected believes in empowering the underserved in Ghana.

Commenting on the partnership, **Kweku Nimfah- Essuman – Chief Financial Officer, Standard Chartered, Ghana Limited**, said, “Having operated in Ghana for more than 120 years, we are committed to supporting our communities and the country at large during such dire times of need. Our immediate goal is to deliver relief measures to support the most vulnerable, and it is the reason we have partnered with United Way to address the needs of the most impacted.

“We shall continue mobilising our resources to support the most vulnerable,” he added.

The partnership is aimed at augmenting government and other stakeholders’ efforts to curb the outbreak of the virus, while embarking on a house to house sensitization program, using local language, to ensure that targeted individuals are well informed about the COVID-19 virus and how it spreads.

On her part, Janet Butler, Acting Executive Director, United Way Ghana said, “United Way Ghana is happy to partner with Standard Chartered to support the vulnerable during these trying times. Most of the children in such communities receive their main meal at school and with the schools closed, they are left hungry. These relief packs will go a long way in feeding them as their families navigate through the economic challenges”.

United Way Ghana is a non-profit organization devoted to making real social impact in underserved communities through their '*Improving Basic Education*' Programme. United Way Ghana's mission is to fight for the **health, education and financial stability** of every person in every community.

United Way Ghana is a member of United Way Worldwide which has a presence in 1800 communities across more than 40 countries. With over 130 years of community impact and social change, United Way Worldwide is amongst the most respected and trusted non-governmental organizations in the world.

Beyond providing support for the vulnerable, Standard Chartered Bank has donated over 3000 PPEs to Greater Accra Regional Hospital, the Ga East Hospital, LEKMA Hospital and Tema General Hospital. The Bank also donated a portable Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) equipment to the Nogouchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research to assist in conducting widespread testing and detection of COVID-19 in Ghana.

"Keeping in line with our brand promise to be 'Here for Good', particularly in times of adversity, we must ensure that every individual is empowered to be productive and live a life of dignity," added Mr. Kweku Nimfah- Essuman.

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