

# press release

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## **Standard Chartered Nepal contributes USD 200,000 for COVID-19 emergency relief**

Kathmandu, Nepal – Standard Chartered Nepal has contributed US\$ 200,000 to UNICEF programmes in Nepal for communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The donation is a part of Standard Chartered PLC's US\$5 million pledge to support emergency relief activities by UNICEF that provide immediate protection and education of vulnerable children across 12 markets in Africa and South Asia, including Nepal. Funding across these markets will focus on activities such as the provision of remote education via TV, radio, online and mobile platforms and child protection measures, including alternative care arrangements and family tracing services for children separated from their families due to COVID-19, training of social workers to conduct home visits to vulnerable children for mental health support, and alternative care and protection services for children of parents or caregivers affected by COVID-19.

### **Anirvan Ghosh Dastidar, CEO Standard Chartered Bank Nepal, said:**

"Standard Chartered Nepal is proud to be able to contribute to UNICEF programmes that reach the most vulnerable people in our communities. By working together, we are able to support the delivery of rapid and effective emergency relief that aims to address some of the key challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic."

### **Gary Stahl, Director, UNICEF Private Fundraising and Partnerships Division, said:**

"In any crisis, the young and the most vulnerable suffer disproportionately. This pandemic is no different. With the majority of the world's children living with some form of pandemic-related movement restrictions and 1.3 billion children around the globe affected by school closures, UNICEF's work for children has never been more critical than now. Thanks to this donation from Standard Chartered, UNICEF will be able to support remote education via TV, radio, online and mobile platforms and child protection measures for vulnerable children across the world."

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