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Standard Chartered (Pakistan) contributes USD1 million to Pakistan earthquake relief

Standard Chartered (Pakistan) today announced it will be contributing USD1 million for the relief and rehabilitation of the earthquake victims in Pakistan. USD500,000 will be given immediately to the Pakistan relief efforts and the remaining monies will be utilised to support rehabilitation activities over the coming months.

The Bank has been deeply committed to Pakistan since 1863, and has set up a task force comprising of its staff in Pakistan, who will coordinate the relief and rehabilitation activities for the earthquake victims. The Bank has also started working with a number of leading NGOs in the country to dispatch medicine, milk packets, water and blankets to the relief camps.

"We are deeply shocked by the devastation of the earthquake in Pakistan. We have been a part of its communities for over 140 years, and our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families", said Standard Chartered's Group Chief Executive, Mervyn Davies.

"Our aim is to help the people of Pakistan to return to normal life as quickly as possible. Our funds will go to the immediate needs of the victims as well as towards longer term projects such as the rebuilding of infrastructure and education."

Employees in Pakistan are giving at least two days' salary for the earthquake victims. In addition, staff have been helping to set up and manage Cash Collection booths at the Pakistan Air Force Base Faisal for donations. A Camp for blood donations has also been set up.

Worldwide, Standard Chartered employees have been collecting cash donations, blankets, clothing, and other essential items to help the earthquake victims in Pakistan.

"This is a terrible catastrophe for our country but I am incredibly proud of the responses from not only our staff in Pakistan, but around the world," said Badar Kazmi, CEO of Standard Chartered Pakistan, "For an international organisation, spread over 56 countries, to have such a concerted reaction of care – it is heartwarming to be part of Standard Chartered's global community."

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Mr. Kazmi stated that the Bank is working with NGOs to provide long-term support through the rebuilding of homes and schools in some of the villages worst hit by the earthquake.

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Note to Editors:

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Standard Chartered is well-established in growth markets and aims to be the right partner for its customers. The Bank combines deep local knowledge with global capability.

The Bank is trusted across its network for its standard of governance and corporate responsibility as well as its commitment to making a difference in the communities in which it operates.

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