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Global Hand washing Day

As part of the annual Global Hand Washing Day which is celebrated on 15 October 2017 Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and Lephalale Local Municipality Sewerage and sanitation unit visited Lephalale Primary School on the 25th of October 2017.

The visit was aimed at encouraging and educating learners and their teachers about the importance of washing their hands properly with soap to reduce childhood mortality rates and other related diseases such as diarrhea.

Under the theme “our hands, our future” Lefuno Ramunenyiwa and Masipa Lekota from DWS demonstrated to the learners the proper hand washing techniques to remove or reduce infection causing germs.

“If you do not have a clean cloth or towel next to you, you should air dry your hands and never use your clothes because germs could be on the clothes that you are wearing” said Lekota.

LLM, Sewerage and sanitation Technician Teddy Molewa explained to the learners that they must wash their hands all the time to avoid getting infection causing germs and diseases a such as diarrhea and cholera.

“You must wash your hands thoroughly all the time after visiting the toilet; before you eat or feed a child and also before handling food. Washing your hands with soap therefore provide the interruption between you and the germs and prevents disease causing germs to enter your body” said Molewa.



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The Global Hand Washing Day was first introduced in 2008 the year designated by the UN as the International Year of Sanitation (IYS) to accelerate access to basic sanitation services including hygiene education. The purpose of the Global Handwashing Day is to mobilize communities, households, schools, and workplaces to wash hands with soaps to curb the spread of communicable diseases such as diarrhea and other related diseases.

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