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Tsomo learners are ambassadors of clean toilets campaign

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In a bid to encourage and promote the concept of regularly keeping our toilets clean and healthy, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in partnership with the Chris Hani District Municipality launched the project this week.

And the ambassadors who will be hoisting the flag in this regard are learners from a local Tsomo, Eastern Cape school.

This event, which was held as a World Toilet Day activity in different schools of Tsomo on the 22 November 2017, saw DWS and the Chris Hani District Municipality agreeing to partner in promoting this process.

A delegation from DWS and the municipality visited two schools; that is Gwenyana Junior Secondary School and Entilini Junior Secondary School, to promote this event.

The aim of the visit is to draw learner's attention to the importance of sanitation in their schools and spread the word to their communities. Accordingly, Ms. Nzuki Tofo from Chris Hani District Municipality said "The World Toilet Day is celebrated under the theme "Wastewater". In order to make better use of wastewater, we need everyone's toilet to be contained, treated and disposed of in a safe and sustainable way. The resultant grey water must be utilised for irrigating our vegetable gardens."

This campaign aims to highlight the deep impact of the sanitation crisis which leads to diseases such as diarrhea, cholera and also to bring to the forefront the health and emotional consequences to the communities of Tsomo.

Mlandeli Thomas a community member said "today we gained a lot about the World Toilet Programme. Officials educated us about how to handle toilet facilities, but most important, keep them clean. The officials explained to us that it is very important to wash our hands after using our toilets. We were also warned not to use chemicals to clean our toilets because that water will end up inside our toilets and start to create a lot of problems for us."



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Sisipho Ntintili, a Grade 5 learner from Ntilini J.S.S, said “today we were taught about the importance of water and clean toilets. We were told not to put nappies, stones, feather and skins in toilet because they will cause blockages and wastage of water. We were also shown eight steps of how to properly wash our hands using soap by officials of DWS. This was enlightening and we are going to practice this process at our homes including educating other local learners.

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