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Community of Peddie encouraged to wash hands with soap

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On Wednesday, 11 October 2017, the Department of Water and Sanitation visited a community of Nier in Peddie to educate them about the importance of washing hands. This visit is in line with the annual Global Handwashing Day which will be celebrated on the 15th of October.

According to Mandisa Jim from Sanitation Unit, people must use an affordable and effective way to prevent unnecessary deaths of children under the age of five by washing hands with soap and running water. She said this will help prevent and reduce the spread of diseases such as diarrhea and other related diseases.

Community member, Vila Ntwanambi who attended the event says the event opened his eyes in a bigger way because he never took handwashing very seriously. "This occasion is important to this community because some of us when we come back from the toilet we do not wash our hands. I never thought that this poses so much risk to myself and others around me because when I come back from toilet I shake people's hands, touch food and even play with children," he said.

The community hall was packed to capacity by learners from surrounding schools who were taught basic six steps of washing hands with a soap.

Phathisani Sogobile, a Environmental Health Practitioner from Amathole District Municipality said the intention is to teach children to wash their hands from a young age, to inculcate the culture of washing hands.

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