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### **DWS Limpopo commemorates Global Hand washing Day in Zebediela**

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As part of promoting health and hygiene, the Department of Water and Sanitation in Limpopo, together with the Capricorn District Municipality visited the village of Zebediela outside Lebowakgomo in the Lepelle-Nkumpi Local Municipality on Tuesday, 17 October 2017 to commemorate the Global Handwashing Day.

The aim of Global Handwashing Day is to mobilise communities, households, schools and workplaces to wash their hands with soaps to curb the spread of communicable diseases such as diarrhoea and other related diseases.

Working together with the volunteers from around the community, the Department went around the community households and different schools teaching community members and school children the importance of hygiene and how they are supposed to wash their hands.

Community members and school learners were given soaps to use every time they wash their hands. Ms Mmatsebe Mogano, a community member, indicated that it is important that government officials teach them about these things.

“We were not even aware that we need to use soaps when washing our hands and at least from today we are aware that by washing our hands with clean water and a soap we are also preventing being infected with diseases”, said Ms Mogano.

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