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DWS Head Office officials commemorate Global Handwashing Day

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As part of the department's Sanitation Campaign, the Department of Water and Sanitation officials at Head Office in Pretoria put the spotlight on the benefits of handwashing with soap to commemorate Global Handwashing Day, on Monday, 15 October 2018.

Officials gathered at the Sedibeng and Zwamadaka buildings, in a bid to help raise awareness about the benefits of handwashing, foster and support a culture of handwashing with soap and to promote effective handwashing behaviours.

Taking part in the handwashing activity was Andisa Tshangana, who maintained that she advocates for handwashing at all times, especially before eating and after using the toilet.

"Handwashing with soap not only is important for me, but for those around me. It reduces the spread of germs and unwanted viruses" said Tshangana.

Addressing officials, Makolomakoa Nkhabe emphasised the importance of knowing the six steps of effective handwashing.

"You first have to wet your hands with clean water and soap, rub both hands together, rub in between fingers and clean the thumbs, clean under fingernails, clean your wrists and rinse well with running water and dry with a clean cloth," Nkhabe explained.

Global Handwashing Day is this year celebrated under the theme "***Clean Hands- a recipe for health,***" and focuses on the links between handwashing and food, including food hygiene and nutrition.

Handwashing is an important part of keeping food safe, preventing diseases, and helping children grow strong. The tagline, "Clean hands – a recipe for health," serves to remind the public to make handwashing a part of every meal.

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