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Keep hands clean to stop the spread of germs

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To kick-start the Global Handwashing Day awareness, the Department of Water and Sanitation in KwaZulu-Natal (DWS KZN) hosted an internal awareness campaign on Monday 15 October 2018.

October 15th is Global Handwashing Day, a day aimed to raise awareness and understanding the importance of handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases.

“Whether you are in a workplace, public facility or leisure environment, germs are spread from person to person by touching everyday surfaces. It is important to wash your hands with soap in order to prevent diseases,” said Celiwe Msweli during her brief presentation to employees.

“Enclosed environments like the workplace where colleagues interact in close proximity with one another increase the spread of germs if effective handwashing is not practiced,” said Msweli.

She also expressed that poor hygiene may lead to increased illness and can result in disruption cost, lost productivity, reduced employee efficiency through illness at work and lower employee morale.

This year’s Global handwashing Day awareness campaign is observed under the theme “Clean Hands - a recipe for health”.

Msweli concluded her presentation by demonstrating how to properly wash hands using the six-step hand-washing technique and invited employees to participate.

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