

MEDIA ADVISORY

DWS to take its Hand Washing Campaign to Midvaal communities

23 October 2017

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) will, on Thursday, 26 October 2017, extend its Global Hand Washing Campaign to the community of Vaal Marine in the Midvaal Local Municipality to promote hygiene and healthy lifestyles.

The Department will first hold events in which schools and hospitals will be visited on 24-25 October, leading up to the main event on Thursday. The Department's officials will demonstrate proper hand washing with soap to members of the community and also teach them about the six steps of hand washing.

The Department is linking the annual Global Handwashing with its Sanitation Campaign which is celebrated throughout country, starting in the month of October until the end of November 2017.

Sanitation is regarded as one of the fundamental rights that contribute to human dignity and improved quality of life by fighting against poverty, hunger, child deaths, gender inequality and empowerment.

The media is invited to attend as follows:

Date : Thursday, 26 October 2017

Venue : Mamello Community Hall

Time : 09:00

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