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#### Minister Mokonyane to launch Global Handwashing Day

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The Minister of Water and Sanitation, Nomvula Mokonyane, and Deputy Minister Pamela Tshwete, will celebrate the **Global Handwashing Day** in North West and Free State provinces respectively. On Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Minister Mokonyane will visit Kefentse Kalate crèche, Joubertina Clinic and Masedi Primary in Joubertina Township to talk about hygiene and the importance of washing hands after using the toilet and before touching food.

Similarly, on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Deputy Minister Tshwete will visit MUCP Clinic, Maboela and Kgabane Primary schools in Mangaung, Bloemfontein, also to talk about hygiene and the importance of washing hands regularly.

**Global Handwashing Day** is celebrated by the World Health Organisation to minimise the spread of water-borne-diseases such as diarrhoea and typhoid which have been identified as 'silent assassins' among people who do not have access to proper sanitation or do not wash hands after using the toilet or before touching food

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