



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**20 October 2021**

### **DWS and partners to commemorate Global Hand washing Day in Alexandra**

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in collaboration with WaterAid, the City of Joburg Municipality, Water and Sanitation Forum will celebrate Global Hand Washing Day by hosting a public education awareness drive on how to wash hands properly in Alexandra on Friday, 22 October 2021.

The Global Handwashing Day is a global commemorative day held annually on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October to raise awareness about the importance of washing hands at critical times to curb the spread of diseases. This year's commemoration is held under the theme; **"Our Future is at Hand – Let's Move Forward Together"**.

This year's theme is a call to action which asks us to leverage experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic to address the historic neglect of hand hygiene investments, policies, and programs once and for all. As we enter a new normal beyond COVID-19, the future state of hygiene is in our hands.

As part of the celebration, the department will also be handing over the handwashing facilities to Alexandra Water and Sanitation Forum. There will also be a door-door hand washing campaign at TB Settlement in at Alexandra.

#### **Members of the media are invited as follows:**

**Date** : 22 October 2021

**Venue** : Alexandre the Hub TB Informal settlement

**Time** : 09:00 – 13:00

**For media confirmations, please contact Mr Khulekani Ngcobo on 082 723 6030/ Ngcobok@dws.gov.za**

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