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Reminding learners of the importance of handwashing for a healthy society

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The Mpumalanga Provincial Office of the Department for Water and Sanitation (DWS) engaged learners of Sakhile Primary School in Thembisile Hani Local Municipality on 14 October 2020 in a handwashing educational demonstration as part of the Global Handwashing Day awareness roadshow.

Regular and proper handwashing is critical to prevent the spread of diseases. It is said that hands are the most common highways for the transmissions and spread of bacteria and viruses that cause diseases. In our daily activities and routines, we usually touch many shared surfaces which makes us susceptible to contracting different forms of viruses, thus making it critical to frequently wash our hands to prevent us contracting and spreading diseases.

Ms Lomina Shongwe from the Sanitation Unit led the demonstration and taught the learners of the steps of proper handwashing and encouraged them to share the information with their peers and families. "Regular and proper handwashing is now more important than ever before as we are fighting the deadly coronavirus. We have also brought you sanitizers to help you keep your hands clean and healthy. As you wash your hands, always remember to use water wisely and save as South Africa is a water scarce country", she said.

Siphokazi Malobola, a Grade 3 learner demonstrated the handwashing steps to her fellow learners and encouraged them to ensure that they abide by the rules and keep their hands clean at all times.

"We thank the Department for reminding us of the importance of washing our hands. Let us also remind our parents and brothers that we must always wash our hands to be safe", she said.

The Department is continuing to create the handwashing awareness in schools, especially rural schools in the Mpumalanga Province throughout the month of October.





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Let us always wash our hands at critical times to prevent the spread of diseases. Clean hands lead to a healthy society.

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