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World Toilet Day awareness taken to schools in Victor Khanye Local Municipality

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Mpumalanga Provincial Office continued its World Toilet Day (WTD) awareness celebrations by engaging and educating learners in farm schools about the importance of toilets, sanitation and proper handwashing in Victor Khanye Local Municipality.

The awareness celebrations were held in Manyazela and Sizofunda Primary Schools where learners were educated on the importance of keeping toilets clean and healthy to preserve human dignity and to prevent the spread of diseases.

World Toilet Day which is celebrated on 19 November annually raises awareness on the importance of toilets and the plight of many people who are still without toilets and proper sanitation facilities. There are still many people throughout the world who do not have access to a toilet or proper sanitation. The focus of the WTD is about taking action to tackle the global sanitation crisis and achieve the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 which deals with water and sanitation for all by 2030.

As part of the educational awareness, the learners were also reminded of the importance of proper handwashing to prevent the spread of diseases, especially now that we are faced with the deadly coronavirus.

Ms Lomina Shongwe from the Sanitation unit demonstrated the proper steps of handwashing and also showed the school assistants how to properly clean toilets to keep them clean, hygienic and healthy at all times. She also reminded them that South Africa is a water scarce country therefore they must never leave the taps running when washing their hands.

Buhle Thwala, a grade 7 learner from Manyazela Primary thanked the Department for bringing such an awareness to their school. "We would like to thank the Department for remembering that we exist and bring such an important awareness to our schools. This is important to spread





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the coronavirus and we will share the information and all we learnt today with our friends and families”, she said.

To ensure that the school keeps the toilets clean and the learners and staff members healthy, DWS donated toilet papers, gloves, domestos sachets, multipurpose cleaner, bleach, soaps, sanitizers, toilet brush cleaning sets and buckets.

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