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Global handwashing day commemorated in Molemoeng Primary and Sekate Boijane Mahura Secondary School in Dryharts, North West

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in North West together with different stakeholders including Dryharts Community Water and Sanitation Forum, Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality, Greater Taung Local Municipality and Department of Health, commemorated the Global Handwashing Day at Molemoeng Primary School and Sekate Boijane Mahura Secondary School on 30 and 31 October 2025 respectively.

Global Handwashing Day is an international event commemorated annually on 15 of October, in a bid to motivate and mobilise the public about the importance of washing hands with soap and running water as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.

Under the theme ***“Why are clean hands still important”***, DWS and partners encouraged behavioural change and advised learners to actively engage in good hand hygiene practices as part of promoting good health.

At Molemoeng Primary School, learners were educated to practice good hygiene habits, by constantly washing hands especially after using the toilet. Ms Mangie Rakale from DWS North West, also encouraged the learners to keep the toilets clean.

Grade 8 and 9 learners at Sekate Boijane Secondary school, were also targeted for handwashing demonstrations. Mr Tieho Ntja from DWS North West, called on the learners to constantly wash their hands, not only after using the toilet, but all the time. He reminded the learners that germs are everywhere and because we use our hands to touch all the surfaces, they need to be properly washed with water and soap. Mr Ntja also demonstrated the seven (7) steps of washing hands with running water and soap for twenty seconds.

Learners used a tippy tap which saves water while using the correct technique to wash hands with flowing water. Ms Rakale also highlighted that washing hands regularly with soap is the most effective and inexpensive way to reduce the spread of diseases. Therefore, everyone must heed the call of making hand washing a habit.

To demonstrate their understanding of correct handwashing techniques, learners were rewarded with prizes.



The principal of Molemoeng Primary School, Mr Obakeng Mokgosi acknowledged the efforts by the Department and key stakeholders for bringing information on the important subject of handwashing, which is crucial to prevent illnesses and to maintain good health.

Mr Mosiapo from Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District Municipality thanked DWS for its assistance to address water and sanitation challenges within the district. Cllr Kagiso Pudule from Ward 4 in Dryharts, also reiterated the same sentiment and acknowledged the efforts made by the department to address water supply challenges, especially at the school.

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