



water & sanitation

Department:
Water and Sanitation
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

INTERNET ARTICLE

DWS officials take the hand washing lessons to schools in Limpopo

24 October 2016

Learners from primary schools around Limpopo were taught the importance of washing hands and how to wash them cleanly using soap and running water.

This was part of Department of Water and Sanitation's (DWS's) activities in commemoration of Global Handwashing Day which is being observed under the theme **“Make Handwashing a Habit”**.

Global Hand Washing Day is observed annually to raise awareness about the importance of washing hands with soap at all times to minimise chances of spreading diseases to those around us. Furthermore, this day seeks mobilise communities, households, hospitals, schools and work stations to practice hand washing at all times.

DWS officials visited schools in Bela Bela, Makhuduthamaga, Lepelle-Ikumbi, Polokwane where the dangers of not washing hands were explained and how they can be prevented. They were also taught the six steps of washing hands as well as the critical times to wash them.

Teachers and learners expressed their gratitude and alluded to the fact that they had not really seen the importance of washing hands and the dangers of not washing them.

Malope Matlou