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DWS to raise awareness on Global Handwashing Day

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The Department of Water Sanitation in KwaZulu-Natal (DWS KZN) will embark on a health and hygiene awareness campaign to raise awareness on the importance of hand-washing with soap as part of the Global Handwashing Day observed on 15 October 2018.

The aim of the awareness campaign is to raise awareness and the importance of hand washing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases. This year's awareness campaigns will be observed under the "Clean Hands - a recipe for health".

The DWS KZN will commence the Global Handwashing Day with an internal awareness campaign on 15 October 2018 at the KZN Provincial Office, where officials will partake in a handwashing activity aimed to enhance and find creative ways to encourage people to wash their hands with soap.

Several other awareness activities will include various stakeholders visiting schools and public stakeholder engagements within UGu district, ILembe district and Msunduzi local municipality and conduct activities that include hygiene promotion sessions partnered with distribution of hygiene items, particularly antibacterial soaps.

Handwashing with soap, when practiced properly and regularly, could minimize the risk of diarrhoea related diseases such as typhoid, cholera, and respiratory infections including pneumonia and flu.

Ahead of the forthcoming Global Handwashing Day, DWS has called on members of the public to always practice good personal hygiene through washing of hands with soap at critical times.

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