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MEDIA STATEMENT

DWS in Eastern Cape to celebrate Global Hand Washing Day

15 October 2018

Today, the Department of Water and Sanitation, together with the Department of Education and Municipalities, in Eastern Cape, will celebrate Global Hand Washing Day in various schools.

Annually, the department embarks on a campaign to encourage communities about the importance of washing hands with soap and clean running water to minimise the spread of diseases such as diarrhea and reduce childhood mortality rate. The Global Hand Washing Day is celebrated yearly on 15 October.

As such, a number of activities in schools around the province have been organised to educate the learners about the importance of this day and how learners and their teachers can contribute to healthier and cleaner communities..

The campaign aims to raise awareness of hand washing with soap as the most effective and inexpensive way to reduce the spread of diseases. The campaign will further be focusing on sanitation, water quality as well as health and hygiene at the schools and communities. A demonstration of the 6 steps of washing hands will be conducted during the activities to show people the proper way of washing hands with soap and running water. Washing hands also promotes healthy lifestyle.

The media is invited to attend as follows:

DATE	NAME OF SCHOOL	TIME
16/10/2018	Mngcunube Primary School, UTH.	10h00
17/10/2018	Burgersdorp Primary School	10h00
18/10/2018	Aliwal North Informal Settlement	10h00
23/10/2018	Nciba & Nqutu Communities	10h00



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24/10/2018	Ntabankulu Primary School	10h00
25/10/2018	Mzimvubu Primary School	10h00

End

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