



Namibia commemorates Global Handwashing Day in Swakopmund

15 October, Swakopmund: Namibia commemorated Global Hand Washing Day on 15 October under the theme: Clean hands a recipe for health! The Ministry of Health and Social Services (MoHSS) together with Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry (MAWF) hosted the event at the Mondesa Multipurpose Centre, Swakopmund, Erongo Region.

#GlobalHandwashingDay is a day for all of us to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of handwashing in keeping food safe, preventing diseases and helping children grow and thrive, said Frauke de Kort, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) Chief of Child Protection and Social Protection on behalf of UNICEF Representative, Rachel Odede

Adelheid Kanjala, special advisor to the Governor of Erongo, delivered the keynote on behalf of Hon. Juliet Kavetuna, Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services and remarked that in Namibia, 17% of children under five suffer from diarrhoea every year though handwashing with soap and water is one of the simplest, effective and inexpensive ways of keeping children healthy. As part of the event, learners performed cultural dances and pledged to spread the word not the germs!