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## FORT NAPIER HOSPITAL PARTICIPATED IN HAND WASH CAMPAIGN



### BACKGROUND ON GLOBAL HANDWASH CAMPAIGN

The first ever Global Hand Washing Day took place on 15th October 2008, in countries all over the world. The guiding vision of Global Hand Washing Day, now an annual event, is to create a culture of hand washing with soap. Although people around the world wash their hands with water, very few wash their hands with soap at critical times, for example after using the toilet, during and after cleaning a baby and before handling food.

In celebrating this annual event Fort Napier Hospital had a Hand Wash Campaign on 7 May 2015. The IPC team, lead by Sr S. Reddy, supported by the senior management team, met for a briefing session regarding proceedings of the day. On the briefing session Sr Reddy emphasized the importance of hand wash as it plays a crucial role in infection prevention and control. Driving around the institution one could notice banners outside the wards highlighting the important theme of hand washing. The IPC team visited different areas of the hospital assessing staff whether they are adhering to the 12 steps of hand hygiene. Another purpose of the exercise was to share best practices in hand washing and improve hand hygiene. On campaign day there were a number of initiatives ranging from banners, bookmarks to name stickers and pamphlets, all of these activities were done to create awareness about hand wash.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2015 a small team consisting of IPC coordinator and IPC representatives went out to mortuary department as an external campaign initiative. Hand washing demonstration, application of hand rub and talks on 5 moments of hand hygiene was given to mortuary staff.

The campaign was a great success as there was positive feedback from all participants. The IPC Team would like to thank management and all participants in making our Hand Wash Campaign a great success.

**BELOW ARE PICTURES OF THE CAMPAIGN!!!**



Mrs. D. Shangase demonstrating how she washes her hands.



Mrs. A. Mbatha demonstrating how she washes her hands.



A poster which was done by Ward 5 sensitize internal and external clients about Global Hand Wash



Mental Health Care User's were also part of the Campaign



Ward 5 staff members wearing their colorful T-shirts and showing their support on Global Hand Wash



Ward 1 staff members posing in front of their poster in support of Global Hand Wash.





Human Resource Management staff members posing with posters on Hand Wash.



Sr Singh showed Fort Napier Mortuary staff how to wash their hands properly



Fort Napier Mortuary staff watching Sr Singh while demonstrating how to wash hands.



Fort Napier Hospital IPC Team with Fort Napier Mortuary Staff commemorating Global Hand Wash Day.



Ward 8 staff members displaying their poster on Hand Wash



Mrs. N. Ngidi explaining Pharmacy Department hand washing poster



Ward 6 staff also participated in Global Hand Wash.

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