



Handwashing movement is spreading around the world!

Our "Handwashing News" aims to share activities of handwashing in various JICA sites, projects and cooperation areas to further expand the handwashing movement. Let's start handwashing activities, referring to the activities introduced in this newsletter! Our website also features tools you can use for handwashing activities.

Handwashing for health and life website is [here](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/thematic_issues/water/handwashing/index.html).

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Note: we skip the "Photo of this issue" for this time, but we are still looking for your handwashing photos! Please contact JICA Handwashing for health and life campaign secretariat (Handwashing@jica.go.jp).

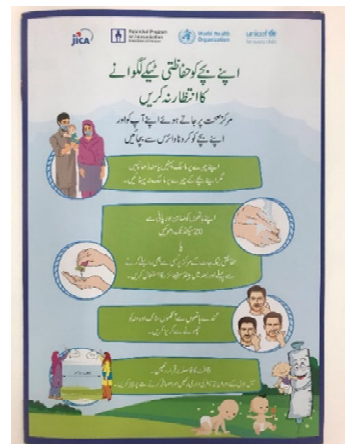


JICA Human Development Department "Project for Strengthening Routine Immunization System in Primary Health Care Settings"

Handwashing activities at the vaccination site (in Pakistan)

In Pakistan, the fear of COVID-19 infection has led to a decline in mass immunization rates, and the measles epidemic has become a serious problem in some areas. "The Project for Strengthening Routine Immunization System in Primary Health Care Settings" conducts awareness-raising activities on routine immunization for residents and prevention of COVID-19 infection, and provides infection prevention training for our counterpart, the immunization workers.

We distribute fliers to residents who come for vaccinations, informing them of the safety of vaccinations and the importance of preventing infectious diseases. Particularly with regard to handwashing, although there are difficulties such as (1) residents in remote areas do not have access to commercially available soap, and (2) hand sanitizers containing alcohol cannot be used (related to Muslim prohibition of alcohol consumption), we encourage them to keep their hands as clean as possible. Also, through infection prevention training for immunization workers, we teach them how to thoroughly wash their hands and disinfect before and after immunization and how to reduce the risk of infection at the immunization site to provide safe routine immunizations.



COVID-19 awareness flyer created by the project (Handwashing page)



Brief orientation to immunization workers on infection prevention before outreach immunization activities



Raising awareness of COVID-19 prevention to residents who come for vaccinations



Training for maternal and child health workers in the prevention of infectious diseases (how to wash hands, wear masks and gloves, disinfect materials and equipment)

(Ms. Omura, "Project for Strengthening Routine Immunization System in Primary Health Care Settings" in Pakistan)



October 15th "Global Handwashing Day" Awareness raising campaign in Kenya

The Ministry of Health in Kenya has encouraged the mandatory wearing of masks and hand washing practices in response to the expansion of COVID-19. With the lead of the Ministry of Water & Sanitation and Irrigation and the Kenya Water Supply Association, WSPs (Water Service Providers) across the country have increased the water supply and installed handwashing tanks and soap in public places. The importance of washing hands with soap is becoming increasingly common among residents due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic.

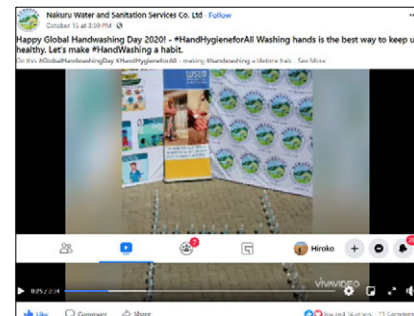
For the Global Handwashing Day on October 15th, 2020, the "Project for Strengthening Capacity in Non-Revenue Water Management" worked with the Ministry of Water & Sanitation and Irrigation and nine WSPs to create a poster for social media with the logo of the handwashing campaign and encouraged each organization to use it. Accordingly, the Ministry of Water & Sanitation and Irrigation, Kisumu, Nakuru, Nyahururu, and Kilify-Mariakani WSPs posted messages about handwashing on Twitter and Facebook on the day.

Kisumu WSP has been focusing on hygiene awareness activities, and on Global Handwashing Day, visited 5 schools in low-income areas and donated water tanks and soaps for handwashing, and the staff demonstrated the proper handwashing method. They also interviewed residents about the use of the simple handwashing facilities which they had set up at police stations, bus stops, and markets, and replenished the soap. The staff feel that educating the residents in the service area about the importance of handwashing not only improves COVID-19 prevention and hygiene perceptions, but also improves the image of the WSPs. In addition, they reported that the number of social networking site visits on the day was higher than usual, indicating residents' high expectations for water services and interest in handwashing and hygiene.

(Ms.SUGIMOTO, in charge of Public Relations and Information Management, "Project for Strengthening Capacity in Non-Revenue Water Management")



Handwashing poster for Nakuru WSP. "Wash your hands, stop COVID-19" in Swahili.



Nakuru WSP Facebook features a video with music on how to wash your hands



Awareness-raising activities at Kianja elementary school and donation of handwashing facilities. Kisumu WSP employees are at both ends.



Installing handwashing facilities in motorcycle waiting areas called Bodaboda

November 19th is "World Toilet Day"

Promote the Toilet Revolution in Developing Countries! Let's rethink the importance of the toilet



Girls learning how to use a toilet in a school in Mozambique
(Photo by Japan Techno Co., Ltd.)

"World Toilet Day" was established in 2013 by the United Nations in an effort to raise awareness of toilet-related issues around the world. About 2 billion people in the world still do not have access to basic sanitation facilities (toilets). In addition, about 670 million people defecate in the open air, and the pathogen is spread by flies through excrement, which can be a factor in the spread of infectious diseases. In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the importance of "handwashing" is receiving renewed attention, but along with handwashing and the securing of safe water, the provision of toilets is essential not only to prevent infectious diseases but also to improve public health. JICA is working on a variety of initiatives to promote the use of toilets in developing countries, including the construction of water and sewage systems, the introduction of environmentally friendly toilets suitable for the region, and the raising of hygiene and environmental awareness among residents.

For more information, see this news >> https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/field/2020/20201119_02.html



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