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## Students Handwashing more emphasis

### • 2 Sogeri schools encouraged on Handwashing practice.

Sogeri Primary and Iarowari Agro Technical Secondary schools celebrated the Global Handwashing Day on 14 October with JICA team. Proper hand washing technique was demonstrated to students reiterating the message on basic hygiene with focus on non- pharmaceutical approaches in protecting oneself against infectious diseases. The awareness and advocacy drive were facilitated by JICA PNG health sector Officer. Utilizing the simple handwashing cartoon titled, “Let’s Wash Hands Together”, this Information, Education & Communication (IEC) tool was drawn by a Japanese cartoonist, INOUE Kimidori, and translated into 34 languages around the world including Tok Pisin to contribute towards JICA’s awareness efforts in strengthening each country’s Public Health systems. A Grade 9 student of Iarowari Secondary, Ms. Michelle Vali said “Handwashing is very important in prevention of diseases. I will love to share this to all my friends, neighbors & even classmates.” JICA through its Volunteer Program, seeks to establish a good partnership with the Central Provincial Education Division when the Volunteer Program resumes for the future and places emphasis on the “Niupela Pasin” as a way going forward for all.

### • Project teams on Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis distributed over 8000 the simple handwashing cartoon to 13 primary schools in New Ireland Province.

JICA Technical Cooperation “Project for Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis” has implemented the Transmission Assessment Survey with the National Department of Health and New Ireland Provincial Health Authority (NIPHA). The NIPHA staff have distributed the simple handwashing cartoon illustrating proper handwashing methods to 13 Primary schools as well as to children in the project sites (total around 8200 students) in August 2021. The awareness on the necessity and correct steps to wash hands continues in the province by NIPHA staff and many children are learning the importance of basic and proper hygiene.

[JICA Handwashing for Health and Life | Our Work | JICA](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/thematic_issues/water/handwashing/index.html)  
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JICA Water Resources sector is conducting globally the JICA Handwashing for Life campaign. This campaign aims to prevent infection among people involved in JICA projects by promoting hygienic activities such as handwashing at JICA's project sites. In addition, by incorporating the installation of handwashing facilities and hygiene awareness-raising activities into JICA's various projects. JICA will contribute to the prevention of infectious diseases, health promotion and improvement of public health.

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New Ireland Province, Namatanai District, Sentral Niu Ailan LLG, two schools (Aug, 2021)  
Credit by JICA PNG Office (Lymphatic Filariasis Project)



Sogeri Primary school student practicing how to apply proper handwashing method with JICA's officer. (14<sup>th</sup> OCT 2021)

Iawrowari Agro Technical Secondary School Grade 9 students practicing "Niupela Pasin". (14<sup>th</sup> OCT 2021)



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