

WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DAY CELEBRATION



CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN AT MKHWANTSHI PRIMARY SCHOOL
Celebration of World Environmental Health Day
Date of Event: 12 September 2025

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1. Introduction

In celebration of **World Environmental Health Day**, a clean-up campaign was successfully conducted at **Mkhwantshi Primary School** on the 12th of September 2025. The event aimed to raise awareness among learners, staff, and the surrounding community about the importance of maintaining a clean and healthy environment.



World Environmental Health Day, observed annually on **26 September**, emphasizes global action on environmental issues affecting public health. The clean-up initiative at Mkhwantshi Primary School was organized as a proactive step toward promoting environmental hygiene, sustainable practices, and civic responsibility.

2. Objectives of the Campaign

- To promote environmental awareness and hygiene among learners and the school community.
- To instill a sense of environmental responsibility in young learners.
- To clean and beautify the school premises.
- To commemorate World Environmental Health Day through direct community action.

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4. Participants

The event was attended by approximately 50 participants, including:

- Primary School learners and staff
- Parents and community members
- Environmental Health Practitioners
- Durban Solid Waste representatives
- Volunteers
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5. Outcomes and Achievements

- Over 30 bags of waste were collected and disposed of responsibly.
- The school premises were visibly cleaner and more organized.
- Learners participated actively and expressed interest in environmental issues.
- Awareness of **World Environmental Health Day** was effectively raised among all participants.



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6. Challenges Encountered

- Limited cleaning equipment and protective gear for all participants.
- Time constraints limited the extent of external area clean-up.

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7. Recommendations

- Future campaigns should involve broader community mobilization and pre-event training sessions.
- Additional support in the form of tools, gloves, and refuse bags should be secured beforehand.
- Schools collaboration with local recycling services to assist with recycling.



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8. Conclusion

The clean-up campaign at Mkhwantshi Primary School was a great success and demonstrated the positive impact of collective community action on environmental health. The event not only improved the physical environment of the school but also fostered environmental awareness and responsibility among learners and staff. It is recommended that similar initiatives be carried out regularly to reinforce the importance of environmental hygiene.

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