

ITEM: MUNICIPAL HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

REPORT: HEALTH AND HYGIENE AWARENESS FOR CRECHES (NW 405)

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To report to Council on a health and hygiene awareness campaign for creches held on 16 -17 November 2016.

BACKGROUND

Municipal Health Service embarked on a health and hygiene awareness campaign for crèche learners. Sanitation generally refers to the provision of facilities and services for the safe disposal of human urine and faeces. Inadequate sanitation is a major cause of disease world-wide and improving sanitation is known to have a significant beneficial impact on health both in households and across communities.

The water services and health environment of many creches in South Africa is very poor. Interventions at creches not only lead to safer environment for pupils, but are an investment on the health of the learners.

OBJECTIVES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

The objectives of the campaign were as follows:

- To educate the learners about the importance of good personal hygiene. To educate learner about proper sanitation measures.
- To train and mentor the leaners on how to clean and maintain water and sanitation facilities at creches.
- Increasing students' knowledge about health and disease prevention.

ROLE PLAYERS

- DrKKDM personnel
- Community development workers
- Principal and teachers
- Learners

TARGET

Learners and teachers at the following creches:

- AME Noah's ark
- Ikageng centre for concern
- Promosa Herberg
- Boaiipi day care

ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

Environmental Health Practitioners conducted health and hygiene education.

LESSON LEARNED

Health and hygiene education at creches need to be conducted regularly.



THEREFORE RECOMMENDED

That cognizance be taken of the report on health and hygiene awareness campaign for creches conducted on 16 -17 November 2016.