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NATIONAL SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMME

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KZN CIRCULAR NO 53 OF 2025

SUBJECT: PROVISION OF NATIONAL SCHOOLS HYGIENE PROGRAMME (NSHP) 2025

1. The Department of Basic Education (DBE) and Unilever have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to collaborate with each other in provision of National Schools Hygiene Programme (NSHP) in primary schools.
2. The National School Hygiene Programme is therefore implemented in schools to supplement the teaching of the Life Skills subject. In addition, it supports the Integrated School Health Programme and the National School Nutrition Programme.
3. In the current academic year, 2025, Unilever will provide resources for learners in schools in the form of bath soaps, books, toothbrushes, toothpaste and Domestos cleaning materials.
4. In preparation for the roll out of the programme to all schools, the resources will be distributed to the District Offices as from 19-23 May 2025. The districts will commence with the distribution to schools from 26 May- 15 June 2025.
5. Arrangements for delivery, storage and distribution will be executed by NSNP officials who will inform the principals of schools to collect the materials provided.
6. The school principals will be required to confirm, sign, and stamp the delivery notes upon receipt of materials.
7. As from 28 July- 15 August 2025, the 21-day NSHP campaign will be implemented to all quintile 1 to 5 public schools with special emphasis on grade 1 learners. During the same period, the schools are to conduct in-class implementation of the Programme.
8. In line with the NSHP objectives, schools are encouraged to conduct activities aimed at promoting hand hygiene on the 15th of October 2025 which is the Global Handwashing Day.



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9. Foundation Phase Advisors, HIV & AIDS Life Skills Coordinators and NSNP officials will monitor the implementation of the programme in schools in line with the following KwaZulu -Natal Provincial Education Department's implementation plan:

KwaZulu -Natal Provincial Education Department IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL SCHOOL HYGIENE PROGRAMME (NSHP) 2025

No.	ACTIVITY	DATES
a)	Distribution of material by DSV to districts	19- 23 May 2025
b)	Distribution of material by districts to schools	26 May- 15 June 2025
c)	Refresher Training for Departmental Heads	22- 23 July 2025
d)	In-class implementation of the programme	28 July- 15 August 2025
e)	Monitoring of National School Hygiene Programme	28 July- 15 August 2025
f)	Commemoration of Global Handwashing Day.	15 October 2025

10. The contents of this circular should be brought to the attention of all parties concerned.


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