RWAYDAVO’s theme: Choose Handwashing with Soap “Choose Life”

Report of Global Handwashing Day campaign 2014

Abstract

In developing countries, over 2,000 children die every day from diarrheal diseases, Handwashing is a life saver! It's one of the most effective ways to reduce diarrheal diseases and acute respiratory infections. Under the support of SULFO Rwanda industry, Burega sector and other Stakeholders Rwandan Youth development and voluntary organization (RWAYDAVO) carried out Global hand washing day 2014 at the second time at Butangamundu, Burega sector, Rulindo district, northern province in Rwanda. As we believe, Hand washing with soap is the single most effective and inexpensive way to prevent diarrhea and acute respiratory infections (ARI), as automatic behavior performed in homes, schools, and communities worldwide and the Pneumonia is the number one cause of mortality among children under five years old, taking the life of an estimated 1.8 million. In this campaign we thought elementary schools age children, youth and parents in Rulindo district the importance of hand washing with soap, including how and when to wash their hands, to reduce poor hygiene related diseases such as diarrhea and acute respiratory infections, to promote School Sanitation and Hygiene Education and to promote a global and local vision of Hand washing with soap.

Let's wash our hands with soap and keep ourselves healthy
A. ORGANIZATION

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10. Main aims and objectives of your organization  
Rwandan Youth Development and Voluntary Organization is local non-governmental, non-profit, community-based organization, whose main goals are health empowerment and volunteer capacity building. These goals are achieved through projects focusing on improving the health and the standard of living in underprivileged urban and rural communities, primarily in the Rulindo District of Rwanda.

Organization target groups  
Our organization broadly targets groups who are vulnerable, underrepresented, and underserved. Specifically, we work with marginalized women, including widows, and those facing extreme poverty, at-risk youth, including secondary school students, street children, and young sex workers, disabled persons, prisoners, as well as soldiers, police, and security agents.

c) Vision, mission or values statement


Goals of the organization:

1. To improve the standard of living in underprivileged communities in Rwanda and to develop the capabilities of volunteers through sustainable development projects that are community-owned, intersectorial, and coordinated by RWAYDAVO volunteers

2. To build community and collaboration by working in cooperation with other associations or NGOs in Rwanda.

3. To promote a culture of science and research within RWAYDAVO members

Values:
- Professionalism
- Volunteerism
- Equity
- Gender balance
- Respect
- Confidentiality
- Teamwork
- Sustainable development

Narrative report
RWAYDAVO carried out Global handwashing day 2014 at Burega sector in Rulindo district of Rwanda where we combined two schools: Groupe scolaire Burega and Groupe scholaire Butangamundu. Our target group was children of primary schools but we invited also their parents and their peers in the secondary schools. Where more than 3000 children reached directly during this campaign and around 200 students from secondary schools and 110 parents.

Activities:

This campaign started 12h00 AM by showing children the appropriate manner of hand washing then students from secondary schools took 30 minutes to clean their hands showing children how they should wash hands appropriately, Displaying banners in school to promote Handwashing and good hygiene practices, speeches, teachings, singing hygiene songs and playing games, poems and awards for students and schools, and finally distributing soaps to 1200 children to show how much is important to wash hands with soaps.

OBJECTIVES OF GLOBAL HAND WASHING CAMPAIGN 2014.

To teach elementary school age youth the importance of hand washing, including how and when to wash their hands.

To reduce poor hygiene related diseases such as diarrhea and acute respiratory infections.

To promote School Sanitation and Hygiene Education.

To promote a global and local vision of Handwashing with soap.
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TEACHING ABOUT STEPS AND APPROPRIATE MANNER OF HANDWASHING WITH SOAP

Photos and descriptions

1. Showing the steps of hand washing
Secondary school students showing to their young peers the appropriate manner of hand washing with soap.
secondary school student showing to children and the attendant the appropriate manner of hand washing.
RWAYDAVO PRESIDENT INTRODUCING THE EVENT
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SONG FOR STUDENTS TO WELCOME THE VISITERS.
Derek speech (a volunteer from USA)
Song presentation
Apart from participating in the event preparation, he served as photographer during the event.
POEM PRESENTATION (STUDENTS)

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SULFO INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE
Sketch showing, the consequence of never using hand washing with soap method.
KANDAGIRA UKARABE (MATERIALS TO PROMOTE HYGIENE) GIVEN TO TWO SCHOOLS BUTANGAMUNDU AND BUREGA TO PROMOTE HANDWASHING WITH SOAP BEHAVIOR.
Groupe scholaire getting Kandagira Ukarabe

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Groupe scholaire Butangamundu getting Kandagira Ukarabe.
SONG PRESENTATION, PROMOTING HANDWASHING WITH SOAP.
THE DIRECTOR OF HYGIENE WATER AND SANITATION ASKING QUESTIONS TO KIDS, ABOUT GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY, AND AWARDS OR GIFTS.
THE VICE PRESIDENT DISTRIBUTING SOAPS TO KIDS, AS A WAY TO SHOW KIDS HOW MUCH IT IS IMPORTANT TO WASH HAND WITH SOAP EVERY DAY.
SPEECH OF THE DIRECT OF HYGIENE WATER AND SANITATION PROGRAM

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INVITED LEADERS HAVE GOT POSTERS.
SPEECH OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF BUREGA SECTOR.

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Awards to the partners and students.
Executive secretary of Burega sector welcoming officially, Derek a volunteer from USA currently working in the organization.
Students who successfully in responding well to the questions some of the got books,
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At the end we distributed soaps to KIDS, one piece per kid, around 2000 children got soap.

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