

WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) in Day Care Centers (WinD)



Importance of implementing a WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) program in day care centers:

- **WASH can break the link between nutrient malabsorption and environmental pathogens. Children's bodies do not grow normally even if they are fed nutritious foods. There are factors other than food that are required to address malnutrition. Clean drinking water, safe sanitation and adequate hygiene are three of these factors. -- WHO; Lancet**
- **WASH enhances cognitive development.**
- **WASH promotes positive self-image.**
- **Access to water supply and sanitation is a human right**
UN General Assembly July 2010 Resolution 64/292: "Access to water and sanitation is a human right essential for the full enjoyment of life and all human rights."



Importance of implementing a WASH program in day care centers:

- **Water and sanitation promote health, socio-economic improvement, and community progress.**
- **Water and sanitation are basic structures with poverty reducing impacts.**
- **Lack of water supply leads to poor sanitation and personal hygiene. Poor sanitation degrades water quality.**
- **Inadequate and unsafe sanitation and water keep people living in poverty. Economies are damaged. An estimated 5% of GDP is lost to illnesses and deaths caused by dirty water and lack of sanitation. --- UNDP**



WASH in Day Care Centers (WinD) is part of a bigger program on improving the delivery of early childhood care and development (ECCD) service in the Philippines.

WinD aims to improve access to water, toilets and hygiene education in day care centers. It involves:

- Daily group hand washing and tooth brushing activity of children in public day care centers
- Twice yearly deworming
- Promoting access to water and sanitation as a human right



WinD is a collaborative project of DSWD, local governments, UNICEF and PCWS with support from the Australian Government.

WinD involves:

- **Securing commitments from LGUs for multi-year financing for the hygiene supplies, through MOA and/or ordinance**
- **Improving access to water, toilets and hand washing facilities**
- **Building the capacity of municipal social welfare officers, day care workers, and parent groups for WinD implementation**
- **Forming a WinD Technical Working Group via an Executive Order**



WinD targets 1,200 day care centers in 36 LGUs.





Interventions

- Daily group handwashing with soap
- Daily group toothbrushing with fluoride toothpaste
- Twice yearly deworming



UNICEF provides the hygiene kits during the first year to selected pilot day care centers. For the succeeding years, the LGU, through its local budget, provides the hygiene kits to the day care centers.



**Php 25
per child
a year**

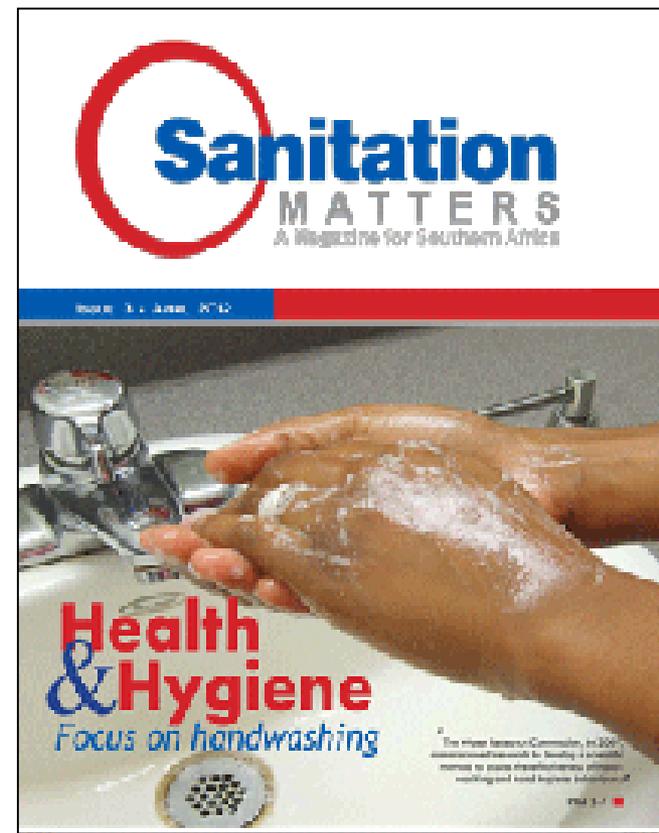
- Each hygiene kit contains:
 - ✓ 8 toothbrushes
 - ✓ 4 bars of soap
 - ✓ 1 bottle 500 ml fluoride toothpaste



Studies show that hand washing with soap can reduce:

- incidence of diarrheal disease by almost 40%
- risk of respiratory infection by 16%

Access to sanitation reduces diarrhea incidence by 34%.



Current Policy Framework for WinD:

- **DSWD Administrative Order No. 15 series of 2011 (Guidelines for the Accreditation of Day Care Centers and Day Care Workers) provides standards on the availability of safe water supply, functional toilets, hand washing sinks and prescribes hand washing practice in day care centers (DCCs).**
- **A memorandum dated Oct. 7, 2013 from the DSWD Secretary to all regional directors encourages the following:**
 - a. Daily group hand washing with soap in all day care centers.**
 - b. Hygiene promotion, especially hand washing with soap , among food preparers and handlers assisting in feeding activities in DCCs**
 - c. Ensure the availability of soap, safe water, functional child-friendly toilets, and hygiene facilities including group hand washing facilities that can accommodate at least 5 children at a time in all DCCs.**
 - d. Integration of WASH promotion in the training of Day care workers and in parenting seminars.**
 - e. Monitoring the state of WASH facilities and practices in DCCs.**
 - f. Celebrate annual Global Hand Washing Day in DCCs to raise public awareness on the importance of proper hygiene and sanitary environment.**

MSWDOs are key to the successful implementation of WinD.



PCWS, the partner of UNICEF in WinD, will work closely with MSWDOs in 36 LGUs to achieve the following results:

- **MOA signing with LGU for the implementation of WinD**
- **Formation of WASH technical working group thru EO**
- **Passing of municipal ordinance on multi-year financing of hygiene supplies for WinD**
- **Building the capacity of day care workers for WinD implementation**
- **Baseline survey of DCCs**
- **Monitoring of WinD implementation**



Access to water and sanitation is a human right. It is among the values that we cherish – freedom, equality, a cooperative spirit, safeguarding of shared resources and the dignity of the human person.



Thank you!

