

Photo Essay: Global Handwashing Day Celebrations in Benin

OMEP Benin's first Annual Celebration of Global Handwashing Day was held at Obama International Beach, Cotonou on October 15, 2012. Fifty children from two kindergartens and a primary school were invited, but the event ultimately attracted more than 75 children when others who happened to be at the beach joined the festivities.

Other sponsors of the event included ONG Social Education Support and International Early Learning Schools, Cotonou.



Older children help younger children learn to wash their hands properly during a play day
At Obama International Beach in Cotonou Benin during the first annual festival
to celebrate Global Handwashing Day



Parents and teachers assist the youngest children with handwashing



Children found the handwashing activities so interesting that they continued on their own.



Early childhood educators in Benin wanted the day to include a variety of activities for the children and their families.



Other children and families at the beach on the day of the celebration joined the festivities. OMEP Benin and other sponsors welcomed them because they are want to use every opportunity to spread the word about the importance of handwashing.

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