



## Global Handwashing Day October 15

More than a day:  
**100 School Survey**

A close-up photograph of two children washing their hands. The child on the left is wearing a yellow and white jacket with a white fur collar and a blue sweater. The child on the right is wearing a blue sweater. Both children are smiling. Their hands are covered in white soap suds. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the children's clothing.

**Clean  
hands  
save  
lives**



## Why and how to do this survey

Groups around the globe will be carrying out 100 School Surveys to gather data and information on the state of handwashing and hygiene in their schools. Students in participating schools will conduct a simple survey that includes observation and questionnaires to fellow students. At the end of the survey period (1 week), the organizing group will collect the finished surveys and make a tally of the results. The purpose of the surveys is to get a snapshot of hygiene conditions in these 100 schools, and then use these results for different purposes:

- Advocate for improved conditions in schools before, during and after Global Handwashing Day by lobbying local and/or national government to make schools Handwashing Friendly.
- Use the facts to make plans for the school year for continued handwashing and hygiene in school programs, at your own school or community or even wider.
- Obtain official pledges on Global Handwashing Day from government, donors, companies and other partners to carry out the year-long handwashing and sanitation improvement plans.
- Make the pledges public on the Global Handwashing Day website.

## What if you can't survey 100 schools?

It's OK! Survey your own school, 5 schools, or a school district. The point is to assess hygiene and toilet conditions, to get a snapshot to use for advocacy and for action planning. Use the results of any survey as the basis for a pledge to improve conditions over the school year and end up with many "Handwashing Friendly Schools."

## A great opportunity for companies!

The 100 schools survey is a great way for companies to get involved! For example, a company that sells soap, paper towels or other related products can implement a 100 school survey where they operate. Through this activity, the company will help raise awareness of hygiene and sanitation in schools while also highlighting their product. Contact the Global Public-Private Partnership if you are interested in conducting a 100 school survey in your area: [info@globalhandwashing.org](mailto:info@globalhandwashing.org)

## Before the survey

1. The organizing group identifies 100 schools that agree to participate in the survey. Send out survey forms and instructions to each school (or visit each school to help them get started—this depends on local conditions and possibilities).
2. The organizing group finds a sponsor who can cover the costs of the survey with a little grant per participating school: paper, pens, photocopying, transportation, disposable cameras, etc.
3. Each school creates survey teams composed of interested students with help from teachers, local organizations, or some combination of these.
4. Survey team: Study the sample survey and adjust it according to your local priorities, make a plan for carrying out the survey and for taking lots of pictures if you can.
5. Survey team: Practice filling out the questionnaire and asking the questions, or making the observations, in a real school setting. Discuss what went well and what needs to be improved, before doing the actual survey.
6. Get required permissions from school officials, parents and others before surveying students.



# School handwash and toilet survey

Dear Handwashing Champion,

Thanks for participating in this survey! Fill out the information in Part 1 for your school, then observe (Part 2) and ask questions (Part 3) for the rest of the survey. The results of this survey can help convince decision-makers that we need places to wash our hands along with good toilets in our school!

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## 1. Basic School Information

Name of school .....

Location of school .....

Primary or secondary school? .....

Number of students enrolled:

Boys .....

Girls .....

## 2. OBSERVE: Handwashing and toilet facilities at this school

We are interested in how you can wash your hands at your school. Having a place to do this is often forgotten, and we need to change that! Also, sometimes school toilets can be really gross and you don't want to go in there, or the school toilet can be really clean and tidy. In many places in the world children don't have a nice place to use the toilet. Sometimes there aren't any toilets at all! We are interested in the toilets at your school and how they match up against others in the world.

Walk around your school, observe and answer these questions:

1. Does this school have toilets?

Yes     No

2. How many? .....

3. What kind? (latrines, flush toilets, etc) .....

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4. Are there separate toilets for boys and girls?

Yes     No

5. If no toilets, where do students and teachers go to pee? .....

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6. To poo? .....

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7. Do boys and girls go to the same places?

Yes     No

8. Do the toilets have a place to wash hands?

Yes     No

9. What kind of place (sink with running water, jug, tippy tap, etc)? .....

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10. Is there soap available?

Yes     No



**11. How would you evaluate the school's handwashing facilities? (Check all that apply):**

Pretty good	Need improvement	Not so great	What handwashing facilities?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**12. How would you "evaluate" the school's toilets? (Check all that apply):**

In good shape	Easy to use	Clean	Not enough	Broken down	Stinky	Gross
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**3. ASK: Questions for fellow students**

Ask these questions of 10 fellow students (5 girls, 5 boys) and write down their answers. Make sure you get their permission to ask these questions first, and explain why you are doing this survey (to help your school get better toilets and handwashing facilities!)

**1. How old are you? .....**

**2. Are you a girl or a boy?**

- A boy     A girl

**3. Is your school all boys, all girls or mixed?**

- All boys  
 All girls  
 Mixed

**When you are at school**

**4. Do you wash your hands after going to the toilet?**

- Yes, always  
 Sometimes  
 No, never

**5. Do you wash your hands before you eat?**

- Yes, always
- Sometimes
- No, never

**6. Do you use soap when you wash your hands?**

- Yes, always
- Sometimes
- No, never

**Think of your school toilets (if you have them!)**

**7. Is there always soap and water available to wash your hands?**

- Yes, always
- Sometimes
- No, never

**8. Is there always wiping material available?**

- Yes, always
- Sometimes
- No, never

**9. Are the toilets at your school clean?**

- Yes, the area looks pretty clean
- No, there is filth all around
- I don't know

**10. How would you describe the smell of the toilets at your school**

- Smells clean!
- Sometimes a bit gross but usually fine
- It smells bad enough that I go in and out as fast as possible!
- I have to hold my nose!
- I don't know





**11. How do you feel about the quality of your school's toilets?  
(can select multiple responses)**

- I dread going in there
- Sometimes I hold it so that I don't have to go in the toilets
- I feel disgusted by my school's toilets
- They're nice and clean
- They have all the soap and wiping material I need
- I don't think about my school's toilets much

**12. If you could change one thing about your school's toilets what would it be?**

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## After the survey

- In each school, count up all the yes/no and other answers for each question onto one single survey sheet.
- Pick out the most outrageous facts from the survey and make a plan for presenting these facts to the school director, teachers, parents and other on Global Handwashing Day
- Organize a pledge ceremony at your school for a plan of action to improve the handwashing facilities and toilets throughout this school year. Set targets! Get everyone to pledge to meet these targets. Announce the targets at community meetings and let all the parents know, too.
- Collect all the sheets from your school and send or give them to the 100 School Survey organizers
- 100 School Survey organizers, tabulate the survey results before Global Handwashing Day and make a plan for announcing the results very publicly: Radio, TV, loudspeakers at a public meeting place
- Organize the **BIG PLEDGE EVENT** for Global Handwashing Day: Schools, local government, anyone with the power and money to improve school handwashing facilities and school toilets will **MAKE A PUBLIC PLEDGE on Global Handwashing Day** for action to be carried out during the school year.



## 2010 School Pledge

We the undersigned have assessed the hygiene and sanitation conditions at

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*Name and Location of School*

and we agree to make this school Handwashing Friendly! Our targets for this school year are:

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3. ....  
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**Signed:**

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*School Director*

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*Student Representative*

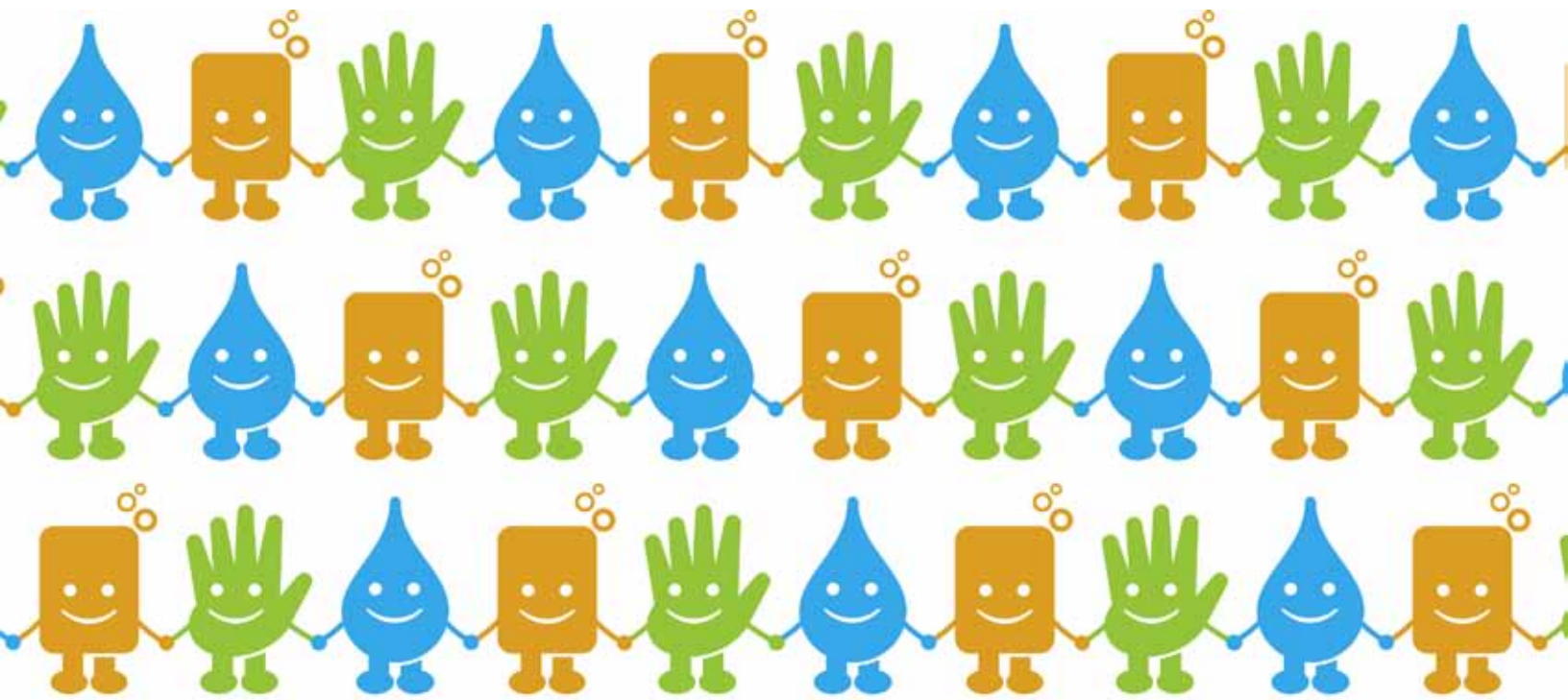
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