

# Celebrating Global Handwashing Day with Water Utilities in the Pacific

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Effective handwashing isn't possible without flowing water. While many water utilities do not consider being in the business of hand hygiene, they are uniquely placed to provide the infrastructure support and water services needed to practice good handwashing behaviors. On Global Handwashing Day, we explore the role of utilities in scaling up water services and supporting hand hygiene campaigns in the Pacific, and celebrate the progress achieved in improving hand hygiene across the Pacific Region.

The theme for this year's Global Handwashing Day is 'clean hands are within reach.' The celebration highlights the increased commitment and action made in recent years to hand hygiene. It is an opportunity to call for more collective efforts to ensure that hand hygiene remains a priority in the development agenda.. Hand hygiene efforts must be tripled to achieve global targets, requiring a focus not only on individual hand hygiene behaviour, but also on broader efforts and collaboration to create a supportive enabling environment.

This Global Handwashing Day, join the ADB and PWWA on Wednesday 18 October, for a special Webinar Panel Discussion to discuss progress in hand hygiene in the Pacific, and utilities' role and initiatives. The Panel will include Water PNG Ltd. and Solomon Water Authority reflecting on how their businesses support encourage effective hand hygiene, with UNICEF presenting on monitoring and support programs to improve handwashing in the Pacific.

## SPEAKERS

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