

# STUDENT QUIZ COMPETITION IS A HIT

The Zambia WASH Program is conducting a quiz competition in Kapululwe ADP to encourage students to learn about WASH and to practice good hygiene skills.

“What does WASH stand for?” This was one of the many questions posed to students from Kabeleka and Chalimbana schools who recently competed in a quiz competition organized by the Zambia WASH Program in Kapululwe ADP.

Several participants' hands shot up when the question was asked at the Kabeleka School. An enthusiastic round of applause from fellow students followed the correct answer given by Mark Phiri, a sixth-grade student.

Two boys and two girls from each school competed to score more points than their opponents, which enabled them to continue on to the next round of the competition against another school from the ADP.

In all, 14 schools participated in the competition. Each of the 14 schools received school supplies for participating in the competition, and each of the students who took part in the quiz received individual school supplies. A grand prize of \$2,000 will be awarded to the school that emerges as the overall winner, to be spent on a pressing WASH-related need at the school.

Also present at the start of the quiz at each school were local pastors from various denominations who launched the competition with a word of prayer and encouragement. At Kabeleka School, which hosted Chalimbana School, Pastor Eric Banda led a short devotion and prayer,



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encouraging the quiz participants to enjoy the competition and not view it as a battle they had to win.

As a result, it was a fun competition, with questions covering various WASH aspects, such as good WASH practices. The students got most of the answers correct.

“I was amazed to see how much correct information these students have on WASH,” said Pastor Banda. “These students are taking the correct information on WASH to their respective homes and would be able to adequately explain to their families and neighbors all the different aspects of WASH. ...”

After a tight race, Chalimbana School emerged the winner of the round. Chalimbana will meet another winning school in the next round of the competition, where a new set of questions on WASH will be asked. In the meantime, the students said they will continue reading and discussing all they know about WASH so they are prepared for the next round of the competition.

**“ Our goal is to promote the dissemination of accurate information on WASH among schoolchildren because we consider them to be agents of change in their community, and most of them are able to positively influence their parents to incorporate good hygiene practices in their homes.”**

— Bwalya Nachula, Kapululwe ADP WASH coordinator