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**TO: PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGERS
MUNICIPAL HEALTH SERVICES MANAGERS
BORDER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING**

BUILD-UP ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DAY, 2026

The National Department of Health will be commemorating the 2026 World Environmental Health Day under the theme **“Standing with Science to Protect Communities”**

In support of the 2026 World Environmental Health Day, the Border Management Authority, provinces and their municipalities are urged to engage in various build up activities aligned to 2026 WEHD theme, within the communities and areas of operations to raise awareness on Environmental Health as a profession and service.

Provinces are encouraged to liaise with institutions of higher learning and other stakeholders rendering Environmental Health Services within their various provinces to ensure that provincial reports also consolidate activities that will be undertaken by these stakeholders.

The activities identified in support of the theme and to raise awareness on other critical Environmental Health matters may include, but not limited to the following:

ACTIVITY	TARGET GROUP/AREA/MEDIA
Community outreach education drives: community campaigns and education on Environmental Health	Schools; crèches; airports, land ports, harbors, places of care; health care facilities; public transport terminals; shopping centers.
School competitions and school talks	Schools: School poster, drama, poem, debate and essay competitions.
Inspection drive /blitz activities	Taxi ranks, churches, health facilities and shopping malls to educate and distribute information.
Door-to-door education campaigns: to educate and distribute information on Environmental Health.	Hard to reach, and sparsely populated areas such as farming areas

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Career guidance activities	▪ Targeting grade 11 and 12 learners in high schools to promote Environmental Health as a career of choice.
Clean up campaigns	▪ clean-ups of illegal dumping areas and promoting the re-use, recycle and recovery of waste material.
Media outreach	▪ Posters, flyers, leaflets development and distribution. ▪ Local newspaper articles. ▪ Articles on internal departmental newsletters. ▪ Local radio interviews; and ▪ Social media e.g., twitter, facebook, etc.

Reports on activities undertaken in support of the commemoration under the 2026 theme can be submitted to Ms Bono Nemukula on email Bono.Nemukula@health.gov.za by 21 September 2026.

Sincerely



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