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# Sophisticated Handwashing Without Piped Water: Designing the Povu Poa

The theme of this year's Global Handwashing Day on October 15, 2016, is "Make Handwashing a Habit!" In places without access to piped water, new products and technologies are needed to make handwashing with soap convenient enough to become a habit. Handwashing with soap is a powerful weapon against diarrhea and respiratory illness, the leading causes of death among children under 5. It is estimated that handwashing with soap could save 1 million lives annually. Unfortunately, only 19 percent of the global population wash their hands with soap after contact with feces.

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