WAUPO GOES TO SCHOOL
CHAPTER ONE
Once upon a time, along the banks of the mighty River Nile, a baby hippo was born. She was a big and beautiful calf. Her parents who are members of the WASH Hippos clan, named her WAUPO.

Growing up in their homestead, she learned a lot about water, sanitation and hygiene and its impact on the life of all creatures.

Everyday, they did fun things like singing jingles, playing quizzes, snakes & ladders board games and wheels of hygiene.

Over time, the curious little calf picked interest in learning more about Kampala the capital city of Uganda. She read every book she could find about the great city.
She learned about the sanitation in Kampala, and requested her parents to let her study at a school in the big city. Her parents agreed and sent her to Kampala.
At her new school, she met Steven the gateman, who told her that everyone was required to wash their hands before entering the gate because the school was A Clean Zone.

"May I have some soap?" she asked. "To be cool and clean, we have to wash our hands with clean water and soap for 20 seconds." she said.

Steven rushed to bring her soap. Happily, Waupo asked, "Can I teach you my hand washing song?"

"Yes, ofcourse," replied Steven. And then Waupo sung the handwashing song.

Steven showed her the way to class...
The date Today is.......  
My name is.......  
SUBJECT: SCIENCE
On her first day in class, WAUPO was welcomed by Teacher Esther who asked her to introduce herself. She said: my name is WAUPO, the WASH Hippo. My best subject is Science and I know that everyone should have Safe Water, good Sanitation and Hygiene to be healthy and I carried gifts for learners who practice good sanitation. Apart from that, every morning, I say my Super Hero’s Promise, and this is how it goes:

SUPER HERO’S PROMISE

I…..Pledge to drink safe water, dispose waste properly, use the toilet properly, wash my hands with soap and clean water for twenty seconds, before eating food and after visiting the toilet today, tomorrow and always so I can be a super hero.
Teacher Esther was pleased.

"Thank you WAUPO!" she said. "Today we are going to use a Jigsaw puzzle as we learn how to use a toilet. We shall sit in groups of Four. WAUPO Your groupmates are; Aminah, Sam and Tom."

"Yeeessss!" shouted Aminah, Sam and Tom.

After the game, Waupo gave all the groups Champion badges and said, "Well done!... Always leave the toilet clean after use."

"Wow! we have all won beautiful Champion badges," Aminah said.

Excited with their new badges, her group-mates asked Waupo if she could be their new friend.

"Yes, ofcourse I will," said Waupo.
Ding dong! Yeeesss!,
It's break time!

When the bell rang for break time, Aminah, Tom and Waupo walked to the hand washing point before entering the dining room for porridge.

Sam, being very hungry, just rushed to pick a cup of porridge before WAUPO stopped him.

"No, no, no… Sam," WAUPO waved her finger in disapproval, "We must not touch or eat anything before washing our hands with soap and clean water."

Then Waupo walked together with Sam to the hand washing point.
After eating porridge, the four friends walked to the toilets to ease themselves before the next class.

At the toilet, WAUPO was amazed they could enter the toilet using either stairs or a ramp. She was also excited to find toilet paper, Soap, Water, Brush and a Bucket for safe disposal of sanitary towels.
After the toilet, the friends went to the tap to wash their hands. At the washing point, Amina took a few sips of water before WAUPO saw and stopped her.

"No, no, no, clear water doesn't mean safe water, Aminah", WAUPO said.

"Drinking unsafe water can cause diseases like; cholera, Typhoid e.t.c, which can stop you from coming to school."
The four friends like the rest of the class, went to play and have fun.

WAUPO told them she had some games to play and a song to sing.

In teams they played snakes and ladders, word games, jigsaw puzzles and the wheel of hygiene. The winners were awarded with different prizes by WAUPO

At the end of the games they sang the handwashing song and went home.
Waupo’s Hand Washing Song

“This is how I wash my hands”
CHORUS

THIS IS HOW I WASH MY HANDS x2

VERSE 1

I OPEN THE TAP
(I open the tap)
I WET MY HANDS
(I wet my hands)
PICK UP THE SOAP
(Pick up the soap)
RUB THE SOAP
(Rub The Soap)
BACK AND FRONT
(Back and front)
BETWEEN FINGERS
(Between fingers)
SIDE BY SIDE
(Side by side)
UNDER THE NAILS
(Under the nails)

CHORUS

THIS IS HOW I WASH MY HANDS * 2

VERSE 1

I RINSE MY HANDS
BACK AND FRONT
SIDE BY SIDE
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

THAT IS HOW
I WASH MY HANDS
NOW I KNOW
MY HANDS ARE CLEAN

WINNER...!
Dear Learners,

I encourage you to drink safe water, wash hands with clean Water and Soap, use toilets properly, dispose waste properly and support girls during menstruation.

Working together with children, parents, teachers and the government, we can improve the state of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in School.

Love WAUPO
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