

**GlaxoSmithKline's  
PHASE UK (Personal Hygiene And Sanitation Education)  
'Handy Heroes' Handwashing Programme**

## The Tippy Tap

### What is a Tippy Tap?

A Tippy Tap is a container with a small hole at the bottom to allow for a flow of water. When not in use, the hole is plugged by a simple stopper. A Tippy Tap brings water close to where it is needed for people to wash their hands.

### How it's used

Tippy Taps are used as a water supply for washing hands after using the toilet and before eating. It is an economical way of using water in areas where water is scarce. Tippy Taps are hung on a post or branch as shown or placed so that it can be easily reached. Soap is placed nearby so that it makes it easier for people to wash their hands.

### Making a Tippy Tap

#### You will need:

- 1 clean empty container (e.g. 2 litre plastic milk bottle)
- 1 cork
- String (if hanging up)

#### Then:

Make a small hole at one bottom corner of the Tippy Tap container, making sure that the hole is placed where all the water will be able to run out of the container when it is left to hang or stand. Do not make the hole too large as this will allow too much water to flow out. Too little, and using the Tippy Tap will become a time consuming activity, so start small!

The Tippy Tap stopper should be made out of a cork. If possible wrap it in polythene, to act as a washer and prevent the hole from enlarging.

Use a piece of washing line or rope if you intend to hang up the Tippy Tap.

