



MEDIA STATEMENT

Limpopo Dam levels on a continual descending trajectory

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Limpopo provincial water storage has slightly declined this week, from last week's 57.0% to 56.2%, nevertheless this is an improvement from last year when water levels were at a low of 48.5% during the same period.

The biggest dam in the Province, De Hoop situated at Steelpoort outside a mining town of Burgersfort has improved moderately from 88.8% last week to 88.9% this week. This is still a considerable rise from last year's 76.7%. Flag Boshielo dam located in Olifants, in the Polokwane Water Supply System is sitting comfortably at 84.7%, as compared to last week's 84.6%. This is a massive improvement from last year's 50.0%.

A total of five dams in the province are sitting at above 90% mark. Among them are Mogoebaskloof which is unchanged at 100.1%. Mutshedzi Dam located in the far north of the province stands at 93.6% dropping from last week's 95.7%, at the same time last year it was at sitting at 61.6%. Rust De Winter Dam has increased to 99.3% an improvement from last week's 97.6%. The biggest Dam in Vhembe District; Nandoni Dam situated in the Luvuvhu River is pleasantly sitting at 94.7% a slim decline from last week's 95.8%.

The following dams are also hovering above 90% mark: Klaserie 95.3% a decrease from last week's 97.1%, this is a significant improvement from last year's 57.6%. Hans Merensky and Mogoebaskloof Dams are both sitting at 100.1% respectively. Dap Naude Dam at 98.1%.

The hardest hit dams in the province are Middel-Letaba which is almost dry at 0.7%. Other dams that are critically low are Glen Alpine at 7.3%, Doorndraai at 8.5%, Ebenezer at 14.0%, and Tzaneen further drops to 8.9% from last week's 9.4%.

Albasini Dam which is located in the east of Makhado town stands at 69.1% from last week's 69.7%. The nearby Nzhelele and Nwanedi Dams sit at 68.6%, and 47.5% respectively. Tonteldoos Dam stands at 79.9%, Houtrivier Dam at 65.6%, and Warmbad Dam is unchanged from last week's figures of 58.7%.

In the face of persistent decline in the province's dam levels, the Department of Water and Sanitation has emphasised its call to residents to utilise water cautiously to avoid potential water challenges.

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