



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Limpopo Dam levels record a decline once again

The Department of Water and Sanitation's weekly status of Dams report indicates that Limpopo provincial water storage has declined further this week, from last week's 56.2% to 56.0%, nevertheless this is an improvement from last year when water levels were at a low of 49.2% during the same period.

The biggest dam in the Province, De hoop situated at Steelpoort outside Burgersfort has declined moderately from 88.6% last week to 88.3% this week. This is still a considerable rise from last year's 77.0%. Flag Boshielo dam located in Olifants in the Polokwane Water Supply System is sitting comfortably at 82.6%, a slight decrease compared to last week's 83.4%. This is a massive improvement from last year's 52.0%.

Magoebaskloof Dam is at 100.3%, a slight improvement from last week's 100.2%. Mutshedzi Dam located in the far north of the province stands at 91.6% a continual drop from last week's 91.8%, at the same time last year it was at sitting at 59.9%. Rust De Winter Dam has increased to 100.9% an improvement from last week's 100.2%. The biggest Dam in Vhembe District; Nandoni Dam situated in the Luvuvhu River is pleasantly sitting at 93.5% a slim decline from last week's 94.0%.

The following dams are also hovering above 90% mark: Klaserie 93.4% a decrease from last week's 94.1%, this is a significant improvement from last year's 67.0%. Hans Merensky 100.8%, Vergelegen 93.6% and Dap Naude Dam at 99.1%.

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 6.9%, Doorndraai at 8.4%, Ebenezer a slight increase at 14.4% from last week's 13.8%, and Tzaneen drops to 8.0% from last week's 8.2%. Modjadji is also critically low at 9.5%.

Dam levels in Limpopo are continuing to decrease; this decline is for the fourth week in succession. In light of these frequent drops in the province's dam levels, the Department of Water and Sanitation has re-iterated its request for water users to utilise water in a prudent manner to avoid potential water shortages.

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