



MEDIA STATEMENT

Limpopo Dam levels rise narrowly after weeks of declining

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According to the Department of Water and Sanitation's weekly status of Dams report, Limpopo provincial water storage has increased with a slightest of margins, rising from 56.0% last week to 56.1% this week. This is a notable increase from last year when water levels were at a low of 48.2% during the same period.

This week's improvement, albeit very narrow, brings a relief given the fact that Dam levels in the province have been on a decline for a number of weeks.

De hoop Dam situated in the eastern part of the province, which was constructed in order to supply water to existing and new mines as well as potable water to the surrounding communities is unchanged at 88.3%. This is a considerable rise from last year's 77.1%. Flag Boshielo dam located in Olifants River in the Polokwane Water Supply System is sitting comfortably at 81.9%, a slight decrease compared to last week's 82.6%. This is a massive improvement from last year's 51.1%.

Magoebaskloof Dam located between Polokwane and Tzaneen which provides irrigation to the surrounding areas is overflowing at 100.7%, an increase from last week's 100.3%. Mutshedzi Dam located in the far north of the province stands at 92.0% an improvement from last week's 91.6%, at the same time last year it was at sitting at 63.8%. Rust De Winter Dam has decline from 100.9% last week to 100.5%.

The biggest Dam in Vhembe District; Nandoni situated in the Luvuvhu River, which despite supplying water also provides various places for fishing, camping and lodging is pleasantly sitting at 93.4% a slim decline from last week's 93.5%. Klaserie is at 97.3% a rise from last week's 93.4%, this is a significant improvement from last year's 65.1%.

The following dams are also hovering above 100% mark: Hans Merensky 101.9%, Vergelegen 100.7% and Dap Naude Dam at 105.2%.

The Dams in the province that are acutely low are; Middel-Letaba which is almost dry at 0.7%, Glen Alpine at 6.5%, Doorndraai at 8.4%, Ebenezer a slight increase at 15.4% from last week's 14.4%, Tzaneen is at 9.5% and Modjadji is also extremely low at 9.3% a further drop from last week's 9.5%.

Although the Department of Water and Sanitation acknowledges that this week's somewhat increase is a lifeline considering continual decline of Dam levels in the province which lasted for several weeks, Limpopo residents are urged to continue utilising water cautiously since they are not out of the woods yet.

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