



MEDIA STATEMENT

Lowveld listed dams continue to impress

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Water levels in the listed dams in the Lowveld in the Mpumalanga Province continue to record impressive levels. This can be seen through the major improvements in dams like the Kwena which was less than 30% three weeks ago but now stands above 70%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 08 February 2021 shows that the majority of the listed dams in the Lowveld and Ehlanzeni District continued to increase in water volumes with only the dams above 100% recording some drops in water levels.

According to the report, Buffelskloof Dam increased from 100.8% to 101.4%, Driekoppies Dam from 99.2% to 102.2%, Longmere Dam from 69.0% to 79.0%, Klipkopjes Dam from 51.9% to 74.3%, Witklip Dam from 101.6% to 101.9%, Kwena Dam from 57.2% to 74.2%, Da Gama Dam from 86.0% to 98.9%, Inyaka Dam from 69.7% to 75.0% and Ohrigstad Dam from 47.2% to 53.6%.

The water situation in the whole of the Mpumalanga Province is also satisfactory with the average water levels in the listed dams increasing from 80.8% to 86.1%. The water management areas (WMA) also continue to improve with the Olifants WMA increasing from 70.9% to 78.6% and the Inkomati-Usuthu WMA increasing from 79.6% to 86.7%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation would like to remind the public that even though most of the country is receiving good rains, South Africa is still a water scarce country therefore it is critical that we use the available water wisely and in a more conservative manner for water security for the current and future generations.

As the dams fill up and the rivers and streams flow with power and speed, DWS encourages the public to stay away from the watercourses and keep safe when driving on rainy days. Be responsible and prevent further loss of precious lives and property.

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