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Western Cape water situation

The Department of Water and Sanitation in the Western Cape wishes to inform citizens about the latest water situation in the province.

The weekly hydrological report of today 08 March 2021 indicates an over 3% drop of the combined average dam levels in the Western Cape Water Supply System (WCWSS). The WCWSS is currently at 73,83% as compared to 77,24% last week,

Sputnik Ratau Spokesperson from the National Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) says DWS encourages all water users to use water sparingly as the bulk of the Western Cape receives winter rainfall

“As expected during this time of the year, Western Cape will experience week on week a slight drop in its dam levels due to warm weather conditions”, says Ratau. The Roode Elsberg and Leeu Gamka Dam are the only dams that saw an over 5% decrease.

The Theewaterskloof Dam which is the largest dam in the Western Cape has for the first time dropped below 80% in this period as it is currently at 77, 59%. However this is still a decent yield as compared to 56% same time last year.

Meanwhile, Victoria Primary School in Worcester received sanitary material donated by DWS and Cobra Watertech on Friday 05 March 2021. In her remarks during the handing over of the sanitary material to the school, Ms Boniswa Hene, Acting DWS Western Cape Provincial Head said the initiative is a good model of how Government, Private sector and Civil Society can work together for the betterment of the communities. “Women and girls are the future and this is not just a slogan, girls need to be empowered to have the ability to develop the communities”, said Hene.



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