



MEDIA STATEMENT

Kwena Dam breaches the 90% mark

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The Kwena Dam in the Crocodile River system in the Lowveld and Ehlanzeni District recorded an increase in water levels and breached the 90% mark again since October.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 05 December 2022 shows that the Kwena Dam increased from last week's 89.1% to 90.7%.

Most of the listed dams in the Lowveld recorded declines in water levels but there were others that recorded improvements such as Kwena Dam. Other dams that improved this week include Blyderivierpoort Dam which increased from 75.2% to 75.3%, Longmere Dam rising from 86.2% to 90.9%, and Witklip Dam which recorded an improvement from 93.0% to 93.6%.

The listed dams in the Lowveld that recorded declines in water levels include Buffelskloof dropping from 100.7% to 100.3%, Driekoppies from 98.0% to 97.9%, Klipkopjes from 95.1% to 92.4%, Primkop from 100.4% to 99.6%, Da Gama from 94.6% to 88.7%, Inyaka from 78.7% to 78.6% and Ohrigstad from 23.2% to 22.7%.

In relation to the provincial overview, the average water levels in the listed dams in the Mpumalanga Province recorded a 0.3% drop from 93.3% to 93.0%. Water levels also dropped in the Water Management Areas (WMA) with the Olifants WMA recording a drop from 83.1% to 82.1% and the Inkomati-Usuthu WMA slightly dropping from 94.8% to 94.7%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation would like to encourage the public to continue using water wisely and sparingly despite the rainfall as South Africa is a water scarce country where every drop counts for water security for the current and future generations. DWS also calls on the public to be ambassadors of water conservation and to protect the water resources as water has no substitute.

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