



## MEDIA STATEMENT

### **DWS calls for responsible water use as water levels continue dropping in the Mpumalanga Province**

25 June 2025

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) calls on the residents of the Mpumalanga Province to be responsible and use water wisely and sparingly, as water levels continue to drop in the listed dams and water management areas across the province.

The latest DWS State of Reservoirs report issued on 23 June 2025 indicates that the average dam levels in the Mpumalanga Province further dropped from last week's 99.5% to 99.3%. The Water Management Areas (WMAs) also recorded declines with the Limpopo-Olifants WMA dropping from 94.8% to 94.5% and the Inkomati-Usuthu WMA dropping from 98.9% to 98.7%.

The districts also recorded declines in water levels with Ehlanzeni dropping from 97.1% to 97.0%, Gert Sibande from 100.2% to 100.0%, and Nkangala from 100.7% to 100.4%.

Most of the listed dams in the Lowveld and Ehlanzeni District recorded declines and the rest remained unchanged in water volumes. The dams which recorded declines include Blyderivierpoort from 100.2% to 100.1%, Driekoppies Dam from 94.0% to 93.8%, Klipkopjes Dam from 100.0% to 99.6%, Da Gama Dam from 99.8% to 99.3%, Inyaka Dam from 99.1% to 99.0%, and Ohrigstad Dam from 78.3% to 77.2%.

The listed which recorded unchanged water levels include Buffelskloof Dam at 100.3%, Witklip Dam at 100.2%, Primkop Dam at 100.6%, and Kweni at 100.3%.

It was the same case in Gert Sibande District with most dams recording declines with the exception of Vygeboom and Heyshope dams which remained unchanged at 100.3% and 100.4%, respectively.

On the decline mode, Grootdraai Dam dropped from 100.6% to 100.4%, Nootgedacht from 100.3% to 100.2%, Jericho Dam from 100.9% to 100.3%, Westoe from 94.7% to 93.3%, and Morgenstond Dam from 100.2% to 100.1%.

It was a mixed basket in the Nkangala District with Middelburg Dam recording an increase from 97.7% to 98.0% whilst Loskop Dam remained unchanged at 100.7%. Witbank and Rhenosterkop dams recorded declines, dropping from 102.5% to 100.9% and 100.4% to 100.2%, respectively.

**SOUTH AFRICA IS A WATER-SCARCE COUNTRY**





## water & sanitation

Department:  
Water and Sanitation  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



Although most dams in the Mpumalanga Province remain above full capacity, the Department of Water and Sanitation reminds the public that South Africa is a water-scarce country and one of the thirty driest nations in the world, which makes water conservation a national priority. A sustainable and reliable water supply depends not only on natural resources but also on how responsibly citizens use the available water.

The Department also urges communities to act responsibly and take proactive steps to reduce water consumption and water losses. Water security for the current and future generations depends on how our responsible use of the available water and water resources.

**END**

**Issued by the Department of Water & Sanitation**

**For more information, contact Sanku Tsunke, Acting Spokesperson for the Department of Water and Sanitation on 066 299 2915 or Themba Khoza on 066 301 6962**

**For media releases, speeches and news visit the Water & Sanitation portal at:**  
[www.dws.gov.za](http://www.dws.gov.za)

**SOUTH AFRICA IS A WATER-SCARCE COUNTRY**



Department of Water and Sanitation South Africa



DWS\_RSA