



MEDIA STATEMENT

Eastern Cape dam levels record minimal increase

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) notes a minimal but positive increase in dam levels across the Eastern Cape Province following recent rainfall. The provincial average dam level has improved slightly to 83.2% this week, up from 82.7% last week.

While this marginal improvement is welcomed, some water supply systems show a mixed performance. The Algoa Water Supply System, for example, declined slightly from 69.8% to 69.7%. Within this system, Impofu Dam dropped from 51.5% to 51.3%, Kouga Dam remains unchanged at 78.6%, and Loerie Dam decreased from 90.5% to 88.5%.

In contrast, the Butterworth Water Supply System remains at full capacity, currently at 100.2%. Key dams in this system include Xilinxha Dam at 100%, Gcuwa Dam at an impressive 112%, and Toleni Dam, which saw a slight decrease to 89.8%.

The Klipplaat Water Supply System improved significantly, rising from 95.3% last week to 100.3%. Individual dam levels within this system are also encouraging. Waterdown Dam is at 100%, Tsojana Dam at 99.7%, Xonxa Dam increased from 98.0% to 99.9%, and Macubeni Dam remains high at 98.5%.

The Department urges all water users to continue practicing responsible and efficient water use. While the recent rainfall offers short-term relief, conserving water remains vital to ensure sustainable supply as climate variability and population demands continue to put pressure on resources.

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