



MEDIA STATEMENT

Gert Sibande District dams continue to rise – water conservation remains crucial

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The latest weekly State of Reservoirs report from the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), dated 31 March 2025, shows that all listed dams in the Gert Sibande District of Mpumalanga Province have recorded improvements in water levels over the past week.

According to the report, Grootdraai Dam increased from 102.6% to 102.7%, Nooitgedacht Dam from 99.5% to 100.7%, Vygeboom Dam from 100.9% to 101.5%, Jericho Dam from 92.1% to 95.2%, Westoe Dam from 99.6% to 100.9%, Morgenstond Dam from 97.4% to 98.1%, and Heyshope Dam from 101.0% to 101.9%.

The report also highlights a continued rise in water levels across the Mpumalanga Province, largely due to persistent rainfall. Average dam levels across the province have increased from 99.4% to 99.9%. In the Water Management Areas (WMA), the Limpopo-Olifants WMA increased from 95.6% to 96.4%, while the Inkomati-Usuthu WMA saw an increase from 98.0% to 98.7%.

All the three districts of the Mpumalanga Province also recorded improvements in water levels, with Ehlanzeni increasing from 95.4% to 95.8%, Gert Sibande from 100.5% to 101.3%, and Nkangala from 101.2% to 101.5%.

Despite the steady rise in dam levels, the Department of Water and Sanitation emphasises that water conservation remains a national priority. South Africa is a water-scarce country, and even during periods of abundance, responsible water use is essential to ensure long-term sustainability. The Department urges all citizens to:

- Use water efficiently and avoid wastage.
- Repair leaks and report water infrastructure issues promptly.
- Adopt water-saving habits at home, workplaces, and in agriculture.

While current water levels are reassuring, continued conservation efforts are vital to safeguard water security for future generations.

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