



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **Recent rains lead to spike in Mpumalanga water levels**

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The recent and continuous rains have a positive impact on water levels in the Mpumalanga Province with all the Water Management Areas (WMAs) and the districts recording noticeable improvements in volumes. The majority of the listed dams also recorded improvements with only a handful recording some minor declines.

According to the latest Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report, the average dam levels in Mpumalanga increased from 93.1% to 95.7%. In the water management areas, the Limpopo-Olifants WMA increased from 86.6% to 88.1% and the Inkomati-Usuthu WMA increased from 90.9% to 92.0%.

All three districts of the province recorded increased water volumes with Ehlanzeni increasing from 83.1% to 84.5%, Gert Sibande from 95.4% to 99.0%, and Nkangala from 98.4% to 100.3%.

The dams which recorded declines in water levels include Klipkopjes and Ohrigstad in the Lowveld and Ehlanzeni District which recorded drops from 82.7% to 81.1% and 43.8% to 43.4% respectively. In Gert Sibande District, Westoe dropped from 60.1% to 59.5% and Morgenstond dropped from 100.5% to 99.2%. Witbank Dam is the only listed dam which recorded a decline in Nkangala District, dropping from 98.7% to 97.5%.

Dams which recorded improvements in the Lowveld and Ehlanzeni District include Blyderivierpoort from 79.7% to 83.8%, Buffelskloof from 90.9% to 97.4%, Driekoppies from 84.6% to 86.4%, Longmere from 79.2% to 89.5%, Witklip from 84.3% to 85.9%, Primkop from 94.5% to 102.2%, Kwena from 76.6% to 77.4%, Da Gama from 87.8% to 88.2%, and Inyaka from 93.3% to 93.4%.

In Gert Sibande District, Grootdraai Dam increased from 95.0% to 104.5%, Nooitgedacht Dam from 94.3% to 97.8%, Vygeboom Dam from 97.2% to 99.1%, Jericho Dam from 88.3% to 89.2%, and Heyshope Dam from 100.2% to 101.3%.

The listed dams which recorded improvements in Nkangala District include Middelburg Dam from 87.2% to 88.0%, Loskop Dam from 100.3% to 103.6%, and Rhenosterkop Dam from 97.5% to 98.9%.

Despite the improvements in water levels, the Department of Water and Sanitation in Mpumalanga is calling on residents to continue using water wisely and sparingly for lasting water security as South Africa remains a water-scarce country.

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DWS further encourages communities to practice safe rainwater harvesting and to prioritise their safety during rainy days.

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