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Rain Positively Impacts on Water Resources & Brings Life

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The recent rains that have been falling in most parts of the country have had a positive impact on the water resources.

Dam levels have drastically improved and some critical dams are already at full capacity. Rivers and streams have come back to life and are flowing all over again.

The welcomed rains come at a time where the country is dealing with the effects of one of the worst droughts in many years which has exacerbated the scarcity and has placed food production and water security under threat.

A subsistence farmer, Ms Eveline Simelane, could not contain her excitement with the opening of the heavens. "Our prayers have been answered and I cannot wait to tilt the land and plant again. We have been waiting for this rain to be able to plant and get food from the soil. Everything is alive again, even the fishermen are smiling as they are bringing good yields from the rivers and dams. We almost died, but now we are still alive", she said with a hoe on her shoulder.

The rains have brought life back not only to humans, but to the environment and nature. Looking around, one can only see green mountains and land, and the vibrant rivers and streams. Animals in our national parks are back to life, and our iconic Kruger National Park is back to its vibrancy.

Even though we have and are still receiving some good and crucial rainfall, it is important to always remember that we are a water scarce country that must always conserve the available water for the benefit of current and future generations.

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