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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### **Dam levels in Limpopo are still in a satisfying state**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) still encourages water users to continue using water sparingly even though dam levels in the province are still in a satisfying state.

The province's average dam levels are at 69,2% this week, which shows a slight decline compared to last week when reading recorded 69,4%. There is a considerable improvement compared to 44,3% last year however it is not satisfying enough hence people must at all-time conserve water.

Looking at the summary of Water Management Area (WMA) for Limpopo, last year this time the water levels were at 52,1% whereas now we are at 76,4%, and in the Olifants, it is now at 65,8%, a huge improvement compared to last year's 39,5%.

The Polokwane Water Supply Systems is at 56,9% showing a slight decline when compared to 57,1% last week. The Luvuvhu Water Supply Systems has a slight decline, sitting at 93,7% this week compared to 94,0% last week. Nandoni Dam currently stands at 97,25% this week which brings relief to communities.

Also Ebenezer Dam is at 93,12% this week, whilst Tzaneen Dam has improved to 50,09% from last week's 45,67%.

Mokolo Dam slightly decreased by 1,79% from 87,97% last week to 86,18% this week and De Hoop Dam slightly went down from 95,79% last week to 95,03% this week with a decrease of 0,76%.

In relation to the provincial storage, even though the water levels are still in a satisfying percentage, the province still needs to continue to implement water restrictions so that reliable water provision is sustained until the rainy seasons. Water is a scarce resource and catalytic towards economic development and it must therefore be conserved at all times.

We also call on people to make sure that their children are not playing or swimming in the rivers and dams without the supervision of older persons, as it is that time of the year where most streams that did not have water are now flooding with water and that might be dangerous to our children. Let us all play our role in making sure that our children do not become part of the statistics and that they are safe at all times.

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