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MEDIA STATEMENT

Dam levels keeps on declining as we deal with the cold winter.

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As the winter season is upon us, dam levels are declining in Limpopo due to the lack of rains during this period.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) calls on water users to avoid wasting water and adhere to water restrictions as imposed by their respective municipalities.

The province's dam levels are 77, 6% this week, a considerable improvement compared to 57, 9% last year at the same time. Looking at the summary of Water Management Area (WMA) for Limpopo, last year this time was at 65,5% whereas now we are at 88,5%, with Olifants WMA this year at 73,9% compared to last year's 52,9%.

The Polokwane Water Supply Systems is at 64, 1% this week same as 64, 1% of last week, with no movement.

The Luvuvhu Water Supply Systems have improved a lot this year, sitting at 98, 6% this week compared to 62,4% this time last year. Nandoni Dam currently stands at 100, 63% this week with no improvements from last week.

Ebenezer Dam is at 100, 22% this week compared to last week's 100, 28%, a decrease of 0, 06%. Tzaneen Dam is at 59, 87%, compared to 59, 97% last week, a decrease of 0, 10%.

Mokolo Dam slightly increased by 0, 06% from 100, 00% last week to 100, 06% this week and Thabina Dam slightly went down from 97, 84% last week to 97, 75% this week with a decrease of 0,09%.

In relation to the provincial storage, the water levels are steadily dropping and the province still needs to continue to implement water restrictions so that we can be able to sustain what we have until the next rainy seasons. Water is a scarce resource and catalytic towards all socio-economic development and it must therefore be conserved at all times.

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