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MEDIA STATEMENT

Dam levels keeps on improving as more rain pours in the province

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Dam levels in Limpopo show signs of improvement following the recent rains in some parts of the province.

Despite the improvements, the Department of Water and Sanitation still encourages water users to avoid wasting this precious resource and adhere to water restrictions imposed by their respective municipalities.

The Polokwane Water Supply Systems was at 49, 7% last year this time. The system was measured at 51, 6% last week but gained to 55, 0% this week.

The Luvuvhu Water Supply Systems was at 67, 6% last year this time. The system was measured at 84, 2% last week, but gained to 90, 3% this week. Nandoni Dam currently stands at 91, 4% this week compared to last week's 87, 01%, which is an increase of 4, 39% from last week.

Ebenezer Dam is standing at 82, 4% this week compared to last week's 71, 05%, which is also an increase of 11, 32%. Tzaneen Dam is at 42, 70%, compared to 32, 09% last week, an increase of 10, 61%.

Mokolo Dam increased by 3, 19% from 77, 80% last week to 80, 99% this week and De Hoop Dam slightly went down from 98,93% last week to 98,74% this week with a decrease of 0, 19%.

In relation to the provincial storage, the situation is still a great cause for concern. The province needs to continue to implement water restrictions to allow for recovery.

The South African Weather Service has issued a warning with flooding that is expected in places in the Vhembe and Mopani District Municipalities of Limpopo today and tomorrow. Heavy rains leading to possible localised flooding is expected in places over the southern parts of Waterberg, Sekhukhune, south of Mopani Districts of Limpopo tonight until tomorrow morning.



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The Department of Water and Sanitation is calling on members of the public to exercise caution when approaching low level bridges and to stay away from flooding rivers.

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