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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### **Dam levels to decline as we enter into the winter season**

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As we enter winter, dam levels seem to be declining slowly in Limpopo due to the lack of rains during this season.

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

The province's dam levels are 78, 2% this week, a considerable improvement compared to 59, 6% this time last year.

The Polokwane Water Supply Systems is at 64, 1% this week compared to 64, 2% last week, an improvement compared to 51, 6% this time last year.

The Luvuvhu Water Supply Systems have improved a lot this year, sitting at 99, 0% this week compared to 64.6% this time last year. Nandoni Dam currently stands at 100,76% this week compared to last week's 101, 01%, which is a decrease of 0, 25% from last week.

Ebenezer Dam is at 100, 34% this week compared to last week's 100, 39%, a decrease of 0, 05%. Tzaneen Dam is at 60, 78%, compared to 61, 06% last week, a decrease of 0, 28%.

Mokolo Dam slightly decreased by 0, 12% from 100, 46% last week to 100, 34% this week and De Hoop Dam slightly went down from 100, 57% last week to 100, 42% this week with a decrease of 0,15%.

In relation to the provincial storage, the situation is still satisfying, but the province still needs to continue to implement water restrictions to allow for smooth recovery. Water is a scarce resource and catalytic towards economic development and it must therefore be conserved at all times.

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