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### MEDIA STATEMENT

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#### **Mpumalanga dams improve slightly but water restrictions are still in place**

The community of Mpumalanga is encouraged to play an active role and save water even though dam levels have shown some slight improvements in recent weeks.

The Department of Water and Sanitation has noted that even though there have been some rains here and there, it is not enough to improve dam levels to the required levels.

According to the DWS weekly state of reservoirs report of 06 February 2017, the Mpumalanga Province has experienced a slight improvement in storage levels of 1.9% from 65.9% last week to 67.8% this week. Some dams, especially those in Ehlanzeni and Nkangala Districts recorded slight increases whilst some dams, mostly in the Gert Sibande District recorded slight decreases in quantity.

The water level in Kwena Dam increased from 43.9% to 45.2%, Driekoppies Dam increased from 24.7% to 28.3%, Witklip Dam increased from 55.0% to 58.0%, Inyaka Dam increased from 67.1% to 67.5%, Da Gama Dam increased from 54.5% to 55.7%, Primkop Dam increased from 62.1% to 67.3%, Witbank Dam increased from 94.5% to 97.5%, Middelburg Dam increased from 46.3% to 46.6%, Loskop Dam increased from 58.8% to 63.2% and Grootdraai Dam increased from 99.2% to 104.8%.



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Some of the dams that recorded decreases in water levels include Nooitgedacht Dam which decreased from 72.7% to 72.0%, Vygeboom Dam which decreased from 101.4% to 100.5%, Heyhope Dam from 81.3% to 81.0%, Jericho Dam decreased from 76.5% to 75.0%, Westoe Dam decreased from 75.4% to 75.3%, Morgenstond Dam decreased from 58.0% to 57.8% and Rhenosterkop Dam which show a decrease from 22.1% to 22.0%.

This slight improvement in dam levels shows that we are still not out of the woods, therefore water restrictions will still remain in place until the situation is normal.

The Department of Water and Sanitation would also like to encourage the public to take extra precautionary measures during heavy rains and prevent the unnecessary loss of precious life and property during flash floods. Be careful not to cross bulging rivers and low bridges during heavy rains as these are usually accompanied by flash floods.

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