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# MEDIA STATEMENT

## Save more as Mpumalanga dam levels shrink

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in Mpumalanga encourages communities to strengthen their water conservation initiatives as the dam levels are continuously decreasing. According to the Department's weekly state of reservoirs report of 26 June 2017, the total full supply capacity of dams in Mpumalanga is down by 0.4% from last week's 78.5% to 78.1% as recorded on Monday. This shows a continuous downward trend in dam levels over the last couple of weeks.

As we are in the dry winter season in the Mpumalanga Province, it is crucial to strengthen our water conservation drives and save more water to ensure that the current water in our reserves supplies all communities until we receive rain in the summer rainy season.

Most of the dams in the Mpumalanga Province are showing a continuous decline in water volumes with a few exceptions recording some minor increases.

The water volume in Witbank Dam decreased from 102.8% to 101.5%, Ohrigstad Dam decreased from 88.7% to 87.6%, Jericho Dam decreased from 68.9% to 68.3%, Westoe Dam decreased from 89.5% to 89.3%, Morgenstond Dam decreased from 57.6% to 57.3%, Heyshope Dam decreased from 84.1% to 83.6%, Nooitgedacht Dam decreased from 89.9% to 89.8%, Vygeboom Dam decreased from 99.1% to 98.7%, Driekoppies Dam decreased from 47.0% to 46.9%, Da Gama Dam decreased from 85.5% to 84.7% and Inyaka Dam decreased from 90.8% to 90.5%.



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The only dams that recorded some increases in volume include Loskop Dam which increased from 100.1% to 100.3%, Witklip Dam increased from 100.1% to 100.2% and Kwena Dam increased from 79.5% to 79.8%. Middelburg Dam remained unchanged at 68.3%.

The Department further encourages the public to be responsible water users for sustainable water supply and water security. As schools will be closing for the winter break, let us educate and encourage our children to use water wisely during the school holidays. Conserve water and make the future generations proud of your inputs in water security in this water scarce country.

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