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Dam levels improve in the Eastern Cape but water users still urged to use water wisely

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The Eastern Cape average water storage has marginally improved by 1% this week, but water users are still encouraged to use water wisely as the province is still faced with drought.

According to the dam levels report issued by the Department of Water and Sanitation, the dam levels across the province improved from last week's 67.1% to 68.1% this week.

However, there is a concern that these levels will drop drastically as the winter season is fast approaching.

The status of Mzimvubu- Tsitsikamma reservoir has improved to 68.0% this week. The report indicates that there has been an improvement in most dams in the province for areas such as Buffalo City Metro with Laing Dam standing at 101%, Nahoon Dam sitting at 96.3%, Xilinxu Dam sitting at 52.9% and Rooikrantz Dam sitting at 100.5% this week. Amathole Water Supply System is moderate with recent rainfalls and is sitting at 91.7%.

The area of Nelson Mandela Bay is still struggling, with dams there being below 50% average.

- Kouga is battling at 10.2%
- Impofu is sitting at 37.5%
- Groendal is standing at 49.7%

Water users in the Eastern Cape are encouraged to inculcate the culture of always saving water because the province remains a disaster area as declared so by the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs early this year.

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