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Free State dam levels show a sign of decline

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As we start the year, water levels in Free State have shown no sign of improvement, instead a sign of decrease has been recorded in this week's dam levels report released by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS).

According to the report, dam levels in the province have dwindled by a mere 0.7% from 68.4% last week to 67.7% this week.

The consistent decrease on dam levels is a worrying factor particularly at the stage when the country is still recovering from drought effects of the last three years.

There are dams in the Province which still remain below 20% this is very critical. Our major dam levels are as follows: Gariep 57.3% , Vanderkloof 61.6% , Sterkfontein 94.3% and Fika Patso 37.3%.

Residents should bear in mind that water restrictions in the province will continue being implemented until the dam levels are at satisfactory levels.

DWS would like to urge water users to conserve water by using it sparingly in our efforts to ensure that every drop of water, no matter how small is saved.

The province has not yet recovered from the devastating drought that crippled most parts of the country, therefore it is everyone's responsibility to inculcate the culture of saving water.

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