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Let's work together for water security

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South Africans need to work together in the wise use and conservation of the available water for security of supply in our water scarce country. Water levels in most of the country continue dropping and this calls for everyone to put hands on deck and use the available water wisely.

In the Mpumalanga Province, the average dam levels dropped from last week's 77.6% to 77.1% as reported in the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 27 August 2018. Water levels also dropped in water management areas, with the Olifants catchment dropping from 69.0% to 68.4% and the Inkomati-Usuthu catchment dropping from 78.6% to 78.2%.

In the Ehlanzeni District; Klipkopjes and Primkop dams recorded slight increases in water volumes and the Driekoppies dam recorded no change. Klipkopjes Dam recorded a slight increase from 68.3% to 68.6%, Primkop Dam slightly increased from 82.6% to 83.0% and Driekoppies Dam remained unchanged at 68.1%. Da Gama Dam decreased from 77.8% to 76.6%, Inyaka Dam decreased from 72.5% to 72.0%, Longmere Dam decreased from 78.7% to 75.0%, Kwena Dam decreased from 71.5% to 70.6% and Witklip Dam decreased from 92.1% to 91.6%.

Dams in the Nkangala District continue to decline. Witbank Dam decreased from 98.6% to 98.4%, Middleburg Dam decreased from 97.2% to 96.8% and the Loskop Dam decreased from 98.3% to 97.6%.

In the Gert Sibande District, water levels in the Grootdraai Dam dropped from 86.2% to 85.4%, Nooitgedacht Dam dropped from 90.9% to 90.8%, Vygeboom Dam dropped from 92.7% to 92.3%, Heyshope Dam dropped from 87.3% to 87.2%, Westoe Dam dropped from 50.8% to 50.5%, Jericho Dam dropped from 80.5% to 76.4%. Morgenstond Dam recorded a slight increase from 79.1% to 79.2%



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Water is life, therefore it is crucial that we all work together to ensure that we all have access to this precious resource by using the available water in a more efficient and conservative manner. Water has no substitute, so let us make every drop count.

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