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MEDIA STATEMENT

Limpopo residents encouraged to save water

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) calls on water users to continue using water sparingly as the dam levels keep dropping weekly.

The province's average dam levels are at 76.3% this week, showing a slight decline compared to last year this time when readings recorded 78.1%.

Looking at the summary of Water Management Area (WMA) for Limpopo reflects a decline compared to last year this time when water levels were 89.9% compared to the current 78.2%. The Olifants now stands at 74.1%, also showing a decline compared to last year's 74.4%.

The Polokwane Water Supply Systems is at 97.8% showing a slight decline when compared to 98.2% last week. The Luvuvhu Water Supply Systems also has slightly improved, sitting at 99.2% from last week's 98.9%. Nandoni Dam currently stands at 100,63% this week which brings relief to communities.

Ebenezer Dam is at 90,78% this week, whilst Tzaneen Dam has declined to 42,78% from last week's 43,05%.

Mokolo Dam slightly decreased by 1.09% from 90,76% last week to 89,67% this week and De Hoop Dam went down slightly from 94.22% last week to 93,19% this week with a decrease of 1.03%.

Although the provincial storage is at a satisfactory percentage, the province still needs to continue to implement water restrictions so that reliable water provision is sustained until the next summer rains. Water is a scarce resource and catalytic towards economic development and it must therefore be conserved at all times.

The Department's Regional Head in Limpopo, Mr Lesiba Tloubatla, is appealing to the people of the province to be careful around canals. "People should not play around canals as it is dangerous. And also adults should not let children go near canals without supervision as they might end up drowning", said Mr Tloubatla.

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