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MEDIA STATEMENT

Mpumalanga Province records a decline in water levels

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) requests and encourages members of the public to strengthen their water conservation efforts and use the available water wisely as most of the country is in the dry winter season.

The Mpumalanga Province recorded a decline in water levels as reported by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 11 June 2018. The Province recorded an average 0.3% decline in dam levels from 81.7% to 81.4%. The water management areas (WMAs) also recorded slight declines in water volumes, with the Olifants catchment dropping from 73.7% to 73.4% and the Inkomati-Usuthu catchment also dropping from 82.1% to 81.9%.

The majority of dams in the Mpumalanga Province recorded declines in water levels. The only dams that recorded some improvements in water levels are Kwena, Driekoppies and Blyderivierpoort Dams in the Ehlanzeni District. Kwena Dam slightly improved from 74.3% to 74.4%, Driekoppies Dam increased from 68.3% to 68.5%, Longmere Dam increased from 71.6% to 79.8% and the Blyderivierpoort Dam increased from 100.3% to 100.7%. Da Gama Dam remained unchanged at 84.7%.

The dams that recorded decreases in water levels in the Ehlanzeni District include Inyaka Dam decreasing from 78.3% to 77.8%, Primkop Dam decreasing from 100.2% to 99.8%, Witklip Dam decreasing from 100.1% to 99.8%, and Klipkopies Dam decreasing from 82.2% to 78.9%.

All the listed major dams in the Gert Sibande District recorded declines in water levels. Grootdraai Dam decreased from 94.4% to 93.5%, Nooitgedacht Dam decreased from 94.7% to 94.5%, Vygeboom Dam decreased from 100.2% to 100.1%, Heyshope Dam decreased from 88.9% to 88.6%, Morgenstond Dam decreased from 80.7% to 80.6%, Westoe Dam decreased from 70.2% to 68.2% and Jericho Dam decreased from 88.0% to 87.0%.



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In the Nkangala District, all the major dams recorded decreases in water volumes. Witbank Dam decreased from 101.2% to 101.1%, Middleburg Dam decreased from 97.6% to 97.3% and Loskop Dam decreased from 100.3% to 100.2%.

The DWS further urges the public to use water sparingly and to repair and report all leaks in their communities to ensure that no precious drop of water is lost.

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