



MEDIA STATEMENT

Recent downpours lift Mpumalanga water levels

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The recent rainfalls in the country have lifted the water levels in most dams and water management areas of the Mpumalanga Province.

According to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 26 March 2018, the average level of water in the dams in the Mpumalanga Province increased from 77.1% last week to 81.0% this week. Water levels in the water management areas also increased, with the Olifants Catchment increasing from 64.9% to 69.9% and the Inkomati-Usuthu recording an increase from 76.0% last week to 78.8% this week.

In the Ehlanzeni District, Driekoppies Dam increased its water levels from 54.4% to 58.1%, Witklip Dam increased from 93.7% to 95.9%, Kwena Dam increased from 65.0% to 67.4%, Da Gama Dam increased from 82.9% to 84.7% and Inyaka Dam increased from 75.9% to 77.4%.

In the Gert Sibande District, Grootdraai Dam increased from 96.7% to 102.2%, Jericho Dam increased from 85.9% to 88.2%, Heyshope Dam increased from 84.1% to 87.1%, Nooitgedacht Dam increased from 89.2% to 96.0% and Vygeboom Dam increased from 100.4% to 100.9%.

Dams in the Nkangala District also recorded increases in water volumes, with the Witbank Dam increasing from 96.6% to 100.7%, Middelburg Dam increasing from 93.0% to 95.5% and Loskop Dam increasing from 95.9% to 104.4%.

As we approach the dry winter season, it is important that we continue to protect our water resources and use the available water in a conservative manner so as to have enough water for everyone until the next rainy season.

Responsible and wise water use must be norm in our water scarce country. Water security is in our hands, so it is crucial that we use the available water in a conservative manner for the benefit of all. After all, water is life and has no substitute.



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