



MEDIA STATEMENT

Slight improvement in Mpumalanga dam levels due to recent rains

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The recent rains in parts of the Mpumalanga Province have led to a slight improvement in water levels in the dams and water management areas (WMA) of the province. According to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) state of reservoirs of Monday, 26 February 2018, the average dam levels in the Province increased from 76.7% to 77.2%. The water levels in the catchment areas also recorded slight increases, with the Olifants increasing from 65.4% to 66.9% and the Inkomati-Usuthu slightly increasing in water volumes from 74.3% to 74.6%.

All the major dams in the Inkomati catchment in the Ehlanzeni District increased in water volumes. The Witklip Dam increased from 88.4% to 92.6%, Da Gama Dam increased from 80.8% to 82.5%, Inyaka Dam increased from 74.8% to 76.3%, Primkop Dam increased from 71.4% to 87.8%, Kwena Dam increased from 63.2% to 63.7%, Longmere Dam increased from 69.0% to 69.1%, and Klipkopies Dam increased from 70.8% to 75.9%. The Driekoppies Dam, according to the latest available on 26 February 2018, remained unchanged at 44.5%.

In the Olifants catchment in the Nkangala District, Witbank Dam increased from 97.8% to 98.5% whilst the Middelburg Dam decreased from 04.3% to 94.0% and the Loskop Dam remained unchanged at 97.9%

In the Gert Sibande District, the Grootdraai Dam increased from 99.7% to 100.0%, Heyshope Dam increased from 83.8% to 84.8%, the Vygeboom Dam increased from 100.3% to 100.8% and the Nooitgedacht Dam decreased from 93.2% to 92.8%.

Even though the picture looks better than last week, it is important to conserve the available water as the country is not receiving much rain.

Let us be responsible citizens and intensify our water demand management and conservation efforts as water security is in our hands. Always remember that our country is a water scarce country and one of the driest countries in the whole world, so the sustainable future water supply is in our hands.



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