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MEDIA STATEMENT

Slight improvement on our dam levels

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The recent rains that occurred in some areas of the Eastern Cape Province brought little changes to our dam levels this week.

According to the Department of Water and Sanitation's (DWS's) weekly report released on the status of our dams, data shows that the average dam levels in the province have improved from last year's 57, 9% to 61, 0% this week.

Our reservoirs are still struggling despite the recorded improvement. The Kliplaat Supply System is sitting at 57, 4% compared to 54, 8% during the same period last year. Dams under Kliplaat system are Boesmans Rantz, which is sitting at 26, 7%, and Oukraal at 40, 7% this week. These dams are supplying areas within Chris Hani District in towns like Queenstown. Amathole Supply system is sitting at 77, 2% this week, compared to 72, 7% at this time last year. Bridle Drift Dam is sitting at 70, 5% and Xilinxha at 8, 3%. These dams form part of the Amathole system.

The Algoa System is declining fast and is at 25, 6 % compared to 51, 3% at this time last year. One of the dams in the Algoa System such as Kouga Dam is at 10, 1% this week, compared to 37, 8% last year at this time and more rain is needed to improve the situation.

DWS will continue monitoring dam levels for better planning, and thus encourages communities to conserve water at all times.

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