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Water levels improve in Ehlanzeni District dams

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The majority of dams in the Lowveld in the Ehlanzeni District of the Mpumalanga Province recorded slight improvements in water levels over the past week, according to the Department of Water and Sanitation's (DWS's) weekly state of reservoirs as recorded on Monday, 05 March 2018. Water levels in the catchment also increased, with the Inkomati-Usuthu Water Management Area recording a slight increase from 76.2% to 76.3%. The provincial average of dam levels slightly decreased from 78.0% to 77.9% mainly as a result of decreases in dam levels in the Gert Sibande and Nkangala Districts.

The Driekoppies Dam which stayed below 50% for a long time increased from 52.9% to 53.8%, Klipkopjes Dam increased 75.1% to 76.3%, Witklip Dam increased from 92.6% to 94.2%, Primkop Dam increased from 87% to 90.2%, Kwena Dam increased from 63.7% to 64.4%, Da Gama Dam increased from 82.5% to 83.4% and Inyaka Dam remained unchanged at 76.3%. Only the Longmere Dam recorded a decline in water levels from 69.1% to 65.3%.

As the water levels in the Ehlanzeni District looks good for now as they are better than last week and the same period last year, it is important that we continue using the available water in a wise and conservative manner, especially as we are approaching the dry winter season.

Responsible and wise water use and water conservation is everybody's business, especially in a water scarce country like ours. Let us always remember that water security is in our hands.

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