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LIMPOPO RESEDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SAVE WATER

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As we approach the summer season, dam levels in Limpopo keep on declining due to the fact that the province has yet to witness rain.

Even though most of the dams are still at a satisfactory level, the department calls on all water users to avoid wasting water and adhere to water restrictions imposed by their respective municipalities.

We also call on the residence to also consider rain water harvesting when it starts raining, which can be used for gardens, livestock, irrigation, and also for domestic use with proper treatment. The harvested water can also be used as drinking water, and for other purposes such as groundwater recharge. It is important to note that approximately 2 270 litres of water can be harvested from 24 mm of rain falling on a square meter roof.

The province's dam levels are at 65.5% this week, declining by 4.9 from last year in which the province was sitting at 70.9% this time. Looking at the summary of Water Management Area (WMA) for Limpopo, last year this time we were at 78.6% whereas now we are at 65.7%, declining from last week's 67.9%. And Olifants WMA this year is at 63.2% compared to last year which was at 67.0%.

The Polokwane Water Supply Systems is at 81.0%, a considerable improvement when compared with last year's 55.6%.

The Luvuvhu Water Supply Systems have improved a lot this year, sitting at 93.9% this week compared to 94.7% this time last year. Nandoni Dam currently stands steady at 96.47% this week compared to last week's 97.25%.

Ebenezer Dam is at 75.50% this week compared to last week's 76.63%, a decrease of 1.13%. Tzaneen Dam is at 25.21%, compared to 26.53% last week, a decrease of 1.32%.

Mokolo Dam slightly decreased by 0.04% from 76.67% last week to 76.23% this week and De Hoop Dam slightly went down from 86.84% last week to 86.40% this week with a decrease of 0.44%.

In relation to the provincial storage, even though the water levels are still in a satisfactory percentage, the province still needs to continue to implement water restrictions so that reliable water provision is sustained until the rainy seasons. Water is a scarce resource and catalytic towards economic development and it must therefore be conserved at all times.



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