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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### **Limpopo residents encouraged to continue saving water**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in Limpopo calls on all water users to continue using water sparingly and adhere to water restrictions imposed by their respective municipalities.

A weekly report released by the Department of Water and Sanitation, the province's average dam levels are at 68.9% this week, showing a decline compared to last year this time when readings recorded 73.3%.

Looking at the summary of the Water Management Area (WMA) for Limpopo, it reflects a decline compared to last year this time when water levels were 83.2% compared to the current 73.3%. Olifants is at 67.6%, also showing a decline compared to last year's 70.2 %, which should alarm Limpopo residence to continue saving water.

The Polokwane Water Supply Systems is at 85.8% showing a slight decline when compared to 87.6% last week. During the same period last year, the system was at 59.4%. The Luvuvhu Water Supply Systems also has slightly declined, sitting at 96.9% from last week's 97.2%. The Vhembe District area of the province is still in satisfactory state with regard to water storage, with Nandoni Dam currently at 99.30% this week, which brings relief to communities around that area.

Ebenezer Dam, which supplies a majority of the communities around Polokwane is currently at 80.46% this week; whilst Tzaneen Dam, which mostly helps farmers in the Mopani District with irrigation continues to decline, this week sitting at 31.87% from last week's 32.41%. Therefore, the Department would like to urge farmers to also play their role in saving water as it will affect their crops and animals if the dams were to run dry.

Mokolo Dam in Lephalale (in the Waterberg District) slightly decreased from last week's 80.52% to 79.53% this week. De Hoop Dam, which supplies communities in the Sekhukhune District, went up from 86.44% last week to 88.04% this week – with an increase of 1.06%. This brings relief to the people of Sekhukhune area.



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Although the provincial storage is at satisfactory percentage, the province still needs to continue to implement water restrictions so that reliable water provision is sustained until the next summer rains. Water is a scarce resource. As it is catalytic towards economic development, it must therefore be conserved at all times.

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