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MEDIA STATEMENT

Dam levels in Free State increase slightly

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Dam levels in Free State have increased a slightly after floods rampage through the streets of Mangaung. The provincial average water storage is at 72.4% this week which is a slight improvement from last week's 70.1%.

Mangaung Metro area has received good rains in the past few weeks and even experienced flash floods as well. These rains have led to the slight improvement in the dam levels, but it is very important to note that having good rain does not necessarily lead to full dams. There might be good rain in an area where there are no catchments. Water restrictions still remain in place in the Mangaung Metropolitan area.

DWS measure dam levels across the country weekly in order to take informed decisions when it comes to distribution of water to relevant dams for consumption by communities.

According to this week's dam reports Kalkfontein Dam is currently sitting at 23.3%. Sterkfontein is at 94.0%, Gariiep Dam is sitting at 75.8% and Krugersdrift Dam is at 60.6%. Groothoek Dam is at 39%. Rustfontein Dam currently sits at a low 26.1%. This week Fika Patso Dam is also at a low 37.2%.

DWS appeals to communities to fix leaks and burst pipes in and around their homes. Always take care of water resource and report any vandalism you may come across. Pipe burst from the main line should be reported to the local municipality.

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