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Limpopo dam levels on a decline

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According to the Department of Water and Sanitation weekly dam levels report issued this week, the water levels in Limpopo are on a consistent decline, with the provincial average dropping from 66.3% last week to 66.1% this week. This average is considerable low compared to the same period last year when the provincial storage recorded 77.1%.

The Water Management Area (WMA) for Limpopo this week stands at 71.6% showing a slight increase 71.0% last week.

The Luvuvhu Water Supply Systems also has slightly declined, sitting at 97.7% from last week's 97.9%. In Vhembe District, dams are in satisfactory state, with Nandoni Dam increasing beyond the capacity level at 100.9% compared to last week's 101.1%.

Ebenezer Dam improved slightly at 70.1 % this week, whilst Tzaneen Dam has declined to 18.6% from last week's 18.9% which should be a concern to all water users in the area.

Mokolo Dam slightly increased from 79.9% last week to 80.4% this week De Hoop Dam in Steelpoort which also supplies water to the community of Sekhukhune area is at 89.9%, a slight decline from last week's 90.6%.

Water users are encouraged to play their role in saving water at all times by turning off the tap when they brush their teeth. Place a cistern displacement device in your toilet cistern to reduce the volume of water used in each flush. You can get one of these displacement device from your local municipalities and Department of Water and Sanitation offices. Again take a shorter shower. Showers can use anything between 6 and 45 litres per minute. Fix a dripping taps, a dripping tap can waste 15 litres of water a day, or 5,500 litres of water a year. Water your garden with a watering can rather than a hosepipe. A hosepipe uses as much as 1,000 litres of water an hour.

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