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KwaZulu-Natal dam levels remains stable despite summer temperatures

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Dam levels in KwaZulu-Natal have remained stable despite the hot summer weather conditions that the province has been facing.

Although there have been rainy periods since the beginning of the summer season, temperatures have been climbing up to higher degrees. The hot temperatures has led to decline in some dams around the province but not considerable as anticipated.

The Umgeni Water Supply System which includes dams such as Midmar, Albert Falls, Nagle and Inanda is currently at 59.9% compared to 60.5% last week. Midmar dam within the system is at 93.6%, Albert Fall Dam is at 34.4%, Inanda Dam is currently at 61.6%. However, Hazelmere dam has seen a drop to 44.9%.

Goedertrouw dam which supplies Richards Bay, Empangeni and surrounding areas is at 45.3% from 35.9% compared to this time last year. The Klipfontein dam that supplies Vryheid and Ulundi is at 92.2% from 82.7 last year. Hluhluwe dam is at 90.3% from 53.9% this time last year.

The Department of Water and Sanitation in KwaZulu-Natal would like to encourage water users to use water efficiently and sparingly to ensure that there is enough water to last until the difficult dry season.

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