



MEDIA STATEMENT

Last week's rain results in noticeable improvement in Mpumalanga water levels

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The rainfall received last week has brought some noticeable improvement in the water levels in the Mpumalanga Province, even though the levels are still below the levels recorded at the same time last year. Major rivers and watercourses are flowing and showing a remarkable improvement.

According to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 18 February 2019, average dam levels in the listed dams in the province increased from 69.5% last week to 71.8% as recorded on Monday this week. The noticeable improvement was recorded in the water management areas, with the Olifants catchment recording an increase from 60.4% last week to 63.5% and the Inkomati-Usuthu catchment recording an increase from 70.9% last week to 73.1%.

In terms of dam levels, only the Primkop Dam recorded a slight decrease from last week's 36.2% to 35.4% whilst the rest recorded increases. In the Ehlanzeni District, the Blyderivierpoort Dam recorded the highest increase from 76.8% to 97.7%. Driekoppies Dam increased from 65.1% to 66.0%, Longmere Dam increased from 69.7% to 71.0%, Klipkopjes Dam increased from 46.8% to 49.6%, Witklip Dam increased from 84.3% to 87.7%, Kwena Dam increased from 42.4% to 45.1%, Da Gama Dam increased from 70.9% to 72.1%, and Inyaka Dam increased from 59.3% to 61.7%.

In the Gert Sibande District, Grootdraai Dam increased from 71.1% to 71.6%, Nooitgedacht Dam increased from 97.3% to 100.1%, Vygeboom Dam increased from 101.1% to 101.5%, Heyshope Dam increased from 81.2% to 84.5%, Morgenstond Dam increased from 67.5% to 68.1%, Westoe Dam increased from 55.9% to 58.0% and Jericho Dam increased 67.9% to 70.4%.

In the Nkangala District, Witbank Dam recorded an increase from 88.6% to 90.5%, Middelburg Dam increased from 94.5% to 95.4% and the Loskop Dam increased from last week's 87.2% to 90.7% as recorded on Monday.





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The Department of Water and Sanitation welcomes the recorded increase in water levels as a result of the recent rainfall and encourages the public to use the water wisely as the levels are still below the recorded levels at the same period last year. The Department further encourages the public to harvest rainwater as we receive some rain and relieve the pressure and stress on the municipal systems and water resources. It is the responsibility of every South African to conserve and use the available water wisely for water security in this water scarce country.

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