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Eastern Cape dams remain low amid water challenges

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The recently released dam levels report by the Department of Water and Sanitation indicated that in the Eastern Cape dam levels remain low amid water challenges in the province.

Although residents have breathed a sigh of relief as intermittent rains raised their dam levels from 58,0% to 59,5%, the drought-stricken Kouga Dam continued to slide from 49,2% to 49,1%. However, Darlington Dam which gets water from Sunday's River has slightly improved from 27.1% last week to 31.5% this week.

Macubeni Dam in the Chris Hani District Municipality has shown a significant increase, improving from 81.3% last week to 99.4% this week. Bonkolo Dam which supplies water to Queenstown and surrounding areas is empty at 0%. Water is currently being drawn from Waterdown Dam, which is sitting at 52.6% compared to 68.1% this time last year.

Xilinxha Dam in Butterworth remains constant at 22.1% compared to last week, but is improved when compared to 8.8% at this time last year. Due to the good rains, Mthatha Dam has improved dramatically and is full at 101.1% compared to 98.3% last week.

The department appeals to residents to conserve and use water sparingly as the Province still grapples with the effects of drought and water challenges.

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