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The Department of Water and Sanitation calls on water users to use water sparingly as dam levels continue to decline

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Limpopo residents are encouraged to conserve water as dam levels are declining daily. The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) calls on all water users in the province to continue using water sparingly at all times and adhere to water restrictions imposed by their respective municipalities.

According to a weekly report released by the Department of Water and Sanitation on dam levels, the province's average dam levels are at 64.1% this week, showing a decline compared to last year this time when readings recorded 76.2%.

The summary of Water Management Area (WMA) for Limpopo reflects a slight decline compared to last week when it recorded 70.7% compared this week's 70.5%.

The Polokwane Water Supply Systems is at 71.2% showing a slight decline when compared to 71.8% last week, last year around this period; the water supply system was at 97.7%. Olifants is currently at 72.9%, also showing a decline compared to last year's 100.7%. The Luvuvhu Water Supply Systems also has slightly declined, sitting at 73.6% from last week's 74.2%. Vondo and Nandoni in Vhembe district are still in satisfactory state with regard to water storage, with Nandoni dam currently at 99.2% this week which brings relief to communities of Thohoyandou.

Ebenezer dam in Groot- Letaba which supplies majority of the communities around Polokwane is currently at 66.8% this week, whereas Tzaneen dam, which mostly assist farmers with irrigation, continues to decline, this week sitting at 16.7% from last week's 17.2%. Therefore, the Department urges residents to continue conserving water.

De Hoop Dam, which supplies the communities around Sekhukhune District, also declined slightly from 88.9% last week to 88.3% which alarm communities around Sekhukhune to continue saving water.

Although the provincial storage is at satisfactory percentage, the province still needs to continue to implement water restrictions so that reliable water provision is sustained until the next summer rains. Water is a scarce resource and catalytic towards economic development and it must therefore be conserved at all times.

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