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'Dam levels still of concern'

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DAM levels in northern KwaZulu-Natal have shown a slight improvement but remain a cause for concern for the Department of Water and Sanitation as winter grips the province.

The department said the average dam levels in KZN had recorded a slight improvement of 0.1% this week,

However, lack of rain in the province has meant water levels in catchment areas like Goedertrouw Dam remain low.

The Goedertrouw Dam supplies Richards Bay, Empangeni and surrounding areas.

Department spokesperson Sputnik Ratau said that according to the dam levels report released on Monday, water levels are at 66% this week when compared to 65.9% last week.

The slight change also reflects a significant increase when compared to the



SUNKEN BANKS: The water level of the Goedertrouw Dam remains low.

previous year for the same period when the water levels were at a low of 57.6%.

"The Goedertrouw Dam is at 46.4% this week, a slight increase compared to 45.7% last week," ratau said.

"This time last year, the dam was at

a low of 33.5%. Signs are there that it could dwindle further should rains not come for an extended period of time."

Water restrictions will remain until further notice.

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