4 siblings killed in Enugu building collapse

The Enugu Capital Territory

Development Agency

(ECTDA) has confirmed the
death of four children of the
same family who were killed in
a building collapse on Friday
around 8pm after a downpour
in the Agric Quarters in the
Mgbemena axis of Coal Camp
in Enugu.

The Chairman of ECTDA, Mr Uche Anya, made the confirmation to journalists on Saturday after inspecting the site of the collapsed bungalow.

He said the structure was approved for animal husbandry but was converted for residential purposes.

While lamenting that the building was not healthy for human inhabitants, Anya revealed that the structure had 44 rooms with about 200 residents.

He said, "As soon as we got the intelligence, we rushed to the place. Four children died in the episode.

"It was danger waiting to happen. The construction was irresponsible. The place should never have been occupied by human beings. In fact, go there and see."

The chairman said that the agency would continue to sensitise the public on the need to live in a more conducive environment to avoid future occurrences.

According to him, the compliance unit of the agency would ensure that structures erected by landlords and contractors adhered strictly to approval plans.

The ECTDA also gave immediate quit notice to residents of the building and four other buildings close to the scene of the incident. (NAN)