

Okrika landslide

Barely two days later, on May 30, another flood disaster struck in Okrika, Rivers State, where heavy rains triggered floods and landslides, killing at least 25 people. The tragedy unfolded in the oil-producing region of southern Nigeria, submerging homes and sweeping residents away.

Emergency officials said the flooding left many residents homeless and triggered widespread panic. “We were sleeping when the earth started to move. Water came rushing in,” a survivor told Africanews, recounting the terrifying moment the landslide struck.

While rescue teams rushed to affected areas, the lack of preparedness and inadequate drainage systems in the town were cited as contributing factors. Local leaders called on both state and federal authorities to overhaul disaster management frameworks in the region.