

Sokoto: Two Children, Three Others Killed By Windstorm



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Two children aged one and three years old were among the five persons killed by windstorm in Sokoto state, Daily Trust gathered.

The incidents occurred in communities across Gwadabawa and Kware local government areas, affecting over 1,400 homes. Both the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and its sister agency in Sokoto state confirmed the development to our reporter.

According to NEMA, over 11 communities were affected by the windstorm which happened on the 18th June, 2025.

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The communities affected in Gwadabawa include Gidan-kaya, Kililawa, Chimola, Telhe, Gigane while in Kware Marabawa, Malikawa, Talhi, Bankanu, Karma and Kware metropolis were affected.

It added that, the storm which blew off rooftops, fell walls and collapsed houses led to the death of 5 persons and 29 persons sustained different degrees of injuries.

According to the assessment made by the Sokoto State Emergency Management Agency, the storm affected over 1,400 homes and vital public infrastructure, including schools and other government buildings.

In Gwadabawa LGA alone, the disaster led to the destruction of 878 houses, affecting 1,306 households and displacing an estimated 7,836 individuals.

“Eleven people sustained varying degrees of injuries. Officials confirmed five fatalities in Marabawa community, including two children aged 18 months and 3 years, who were identified as the children of one Mansur Salihu Talhi”

“In Kware LGA, 523 houses were reported destroyed, affecting 1,403 households and injuring 18 persons. Several public structures, including parts of Government Secondary School Kware, suffered significant damage to fences and classrooms.

“A particularly hard-hit area was Kofar-Barga in Kware, where the home of a resident, Ahmad Abbas, was flattened. Similarly, approximately 100 houses were damaged in the 30-Quarters area of the town” the report said

SEMA confirmed that documentation of all affected individuals and properties is ongoing.

“The data will be submitted to the state and federal governments to facilitate swift humanitarian assistance for the victims.”