

14-year-old IDP bitten by snake in Benue camp dies

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A 14-year-old Internally Displaced Person (IDP), Chagu Terhemen, has died following a snakebite incident in Gwer West Local Government Area of Benue State.

Terhemen, who was attacked by a snake last Friday while heading to the farm with his father at Tse Kyomke Mbapupuu in Gaambe Ushin Council Ward, succumbed to complications on Monday night at the Benue State University Teaching Hospital, Makurdi.

Daily Trust earlier reported how 12 IDPs, including Terhemen, have been bitten by snakes this year alone.

It was gathered that his condition had initially defied traditional treatment,

prompting alarm from fellow IDPs.

Terna Ibaah, one of the displaced persons, confirmed that the boy was taken to the hospital on the directive of the Executive Secretary of the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), James Iorpuu.

“Benue State SEMA boss, Mr. James Aondoakaa Iorpuu, ordered that the boy be taken to the Benue State University Teaching Hospital for treatment, but he died last night, September 1, 2025,” Ibaah said.

Ibaah further disclosed that between January and August this year, at least 12 IDPs in Agagbe camp had suffered snakebites, with Terhemen's death making the first fatality recorded in the camp this year.