

Middle-Aged Woman Drowns In Eket

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A torrential rainfall in Eket, Akwa Ibom State, at the weekend, swept a middle-aged woman to her death in the ensuing flood.

The sad incident has prompted people of the Eket Local Government Area to call on the state government and the council authorities to construct more roads and drains in the area as well as maintain the existing ones.

Eyewitnesses say the yet to be identified woman was returning from the famous Ibeno Market when she fell into an uncovered drainage and drowned instantly. Her lifeless body was recovered about 400 metres from the scene she was swept away by the rampaging flood and has been deposited at the mortuary of Emmanuel Hospital, Eket.

The communities that make up the Eket nation, namely Eket, Ibeno, Esit-

Eket and Onna have therefore appealed to both tiers of government to attend to the roads and drainage in the area. An Eket community leader, Jonny Udo, urged the government to step-up action on the matter even as the people lamented that most of the roads and drainages were constructed long ago by Mobil Producing Nigeria (MPN) and were currently in terrible state of disrepair.