

Erosion Kills Three, Sacks 75 Families In Nnewi South

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While leaving three persons dead on its trail, gully erosion in Utuh Community, Nnewi South Local Government Area of Anambra State, has rendered no fewer than 75 families homeless, burying about 28 houses.

Speaking with reporters in Nnewi, Spokesman of the Community, Austin Obika, said the damage by the gully had assumed

• 28 Buildings Buried

a dangerous proportion, adding that it is a fearful sight to behold.

"The gully is not standing on a height of about 50 meters below the soil surface and a width of about 100 meters, covering a distance of about four kilometers on two directions, occasioning unimaginable damage to the land mass and landscape of the area.

"As we noted, the people of Okpo and indeed Utuh communities are predominantly rural farmers, who engage in subsistence agriculture for their livelihood. But today, the erosion has unfortunately deprived them of the opportunity of farming," he said.

Obika, who lost his father to the

erosion, further lamented that the gully erosion had destroyed several line and access roads between the town and adjoining towns.

"These communities include Utuh-Ebenato, Orlu (Imo State) Road; Umehehin-Okpo-Osumenyi Road and Okpo-Umueze Road. The implication is that people are forced to park their vehicles in far away places and then trek very long and distorted distances to their various destinations," he added.