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Tragedy struck the family of Mr. Chukwuemeka of Oroma-Etiti in Anam, Anambra West local council when three of their children reportedly drowned in River Niger during a boat mishap.

The children were said to be with two of their colleagues when the incident occurred.

It was learnt that the three who were students of Community Secondary School, Atani in Ogbaru local government area were on their way home at Ochuche, a riverine community in the same council area when the tragedy occurred.

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The public relations officer of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Anambra state command, Mr Edwin Okadigbo confirmed the incident.

Okadigbo said the deceased siblings were declared missing while peddling canoe on River Niger to their house and feared there might have been high tide following a heavy downpour.



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He added that two out of the five students that were in the canoe managed to swim to safety when their boat was capsizing.

He said in a statement: “Recalled on 23/03/2020 at about 18:00hrs, following a distress call, NSCDC Ogbaru Divisional office was alerted that three students of Community secondary school, Atani capsized and were declared missing while peddling canoe on River Niger to their house.

“Preliminary Investigation revealed the three students on their way to Ochuche in Ogbaru LGA of Anambra state were children of one Mr Chukwuemeka of Urum-Etiti, Anam in Anambra West but residing at Ochuche.

“Cause of the incident was attributed to river turbulence, following the heavy downpour of March 23 2020

“Efforts are being intensified at recovering the missing three. The State Commandant of NSCDC Comdt. David Bille has ordered for discreet investigation surrounding the incident,” he concluded#