

Six Dead As Flood Ravaged Anambra Community



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AWKA – Six people were confirmed dead as unconfirmed numbers of houses were submerged by flood in four communities in Anambra State on Thursday.

The affected communities are located in Anambra East, Anambra West, Ayamelum and Ogbaru. Saturday INDEPENDENT gathered that flooding has been a recurring issue in these communities since 2012.

“Apart from losing human lives, crops and properties worth billions of naira have either been submerged or destroyed by the rampaging flood which is not showing any

sign of receding soon,” an eye witness disclosed.

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Mr. Michael Okafor-Nwofia, a resident of the affected area, whose house was also destroyed by the flood, appealed to the federal government to dredge the river Niger in order to stop the recurring flooding in the area. According to him, “the yearly flood if left unchecked, will sooner than later sack all the people from their ancestral homes, as most people do not have the financial muscle to keep rebuilding their houses in this current harsh economic conditions of Nigeria.”

“Federal government equally needs to build dams same way it is done in some northern states of the country to help store the water each time it comes to safeguard the socio-economic development of my people”, he pleaded.

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Okafor-Nwofia regretted that his people have been passing through hardship after every flooding as all their means of livelihood have been destroyed.

A member of the State House of Assembly representing Anambra West Constituency, Hon. Patrick Obalim-Udoba, also called on the federal government to expedite action in dredging the River Niger to alleviate the suffering of his people once flood comes.

Meanwhile, the lawmaker hinted that the Anambra state House of Assembly is coming with the ‘Riverine Areas Development Commission Bill’ to help cushion the effects of flooding to the coastal communities of Anambra state.

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A farmer, Mr. Ikechukwu Ekweoba lamented that he lost everything to the flood, saying that a boat carrying four men and two pregnant women in the area capsized the previous day and drowned all of the occupants. He also appealed to both the Anambra state government and federal government to come to their aid.

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