

Six Children Die Of Suspected Food Poisoning In Nasarawa



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LAFIA – Six children in Gideye community Obi local government area of Nasarawa State have died for eating suspected food poison.

DAILY INDEPENDENT gathered that the family source, said that the Six Children from Mr Ezekiel's Family namely: Lydia Isah Ezekiel aged 22, Saraya Kpana Ezekiel aged 15, Godiya Kawoh Ezekiel 6, Unity Patrick Baba aged 7, Ramatu Baba aged 5 and Rejoice Friday aged 6 died within interval of hours after eating suspected food made of Moringa and sorrel known as Yakuwa leaves mixed with groundnut pest in their Keana Farm.

A visit to the family Compound at Gidinye, elder sister to Late Lydia aged 22 Mary Ezekiel narrated that on Sunday evening about Ten of her family members eat popular leave called Yakwa leave (Sorrel) and Moringa mixed with pounded groundnut pest, Onions and peppers which resulted to diarrhea on Monday morning of her sister and when she went for a program unknown to her others were also down.

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According to Family source,” They were taken to the hospital and they reported that they took poison and were treated for food poisoning to neutralize it, shortly two died aside the

one who gone while others were taken to specialist hospital yet couldn't survived despite treatment. This is the first time we are experiencing this because out of the Ten that eat the food six died remaining four which doctors confirmed that they are healthy," the source narrated.

The Father of the deceased Children Ezekiel Nmodu Agidi described the death of his children as unforgettable and sad situation saying his situation was like the Biblical Job who lost his children same day.

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"My wife called me from farm in Keana telling that my children are sick and upon bringing them from farm, six died within hours in a situation I cannot explain because even the eldest child who was supposed to tell what exactly happened is also died,"

He said the health personnel from the primary health care have come to take urine and Stool samples and they are yet to know exactly what has happen to them,.



He however said he is suspecting food poisoning and appealed to government to help him investigate the root cause of death of his children and to also avoid future occurrence.

Also speaking to press on the sudden death of the children, in-charge of Agyaragu Comprehensive Centre Maryamu Sunday said all of them had similar complaints because they told us they eat Sorrel (Yakwa) and Moringa (Jogole) and started having stomach ache stressing that no amount of first aid given to them could subside the pains so we had no option than to refer them Specialist Hospital Lafia.

She said for now she cannot ascertain the cause of the deaths but she is suspecting food poisoning because all of them that eat the food and couldn't vomit or spit it out all died.

For now, all eyes is on the out come from specialist Hospital to ascertain the cause of the death of the six children from same maternal family, she added.