

## Flood Claims Student, Another Saved

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A 13-year-old student of a private school in Abakpa Nike, Enugu, was yesterday drowned in a flood that followed a morning downpour.

An eyewitness who preferred anonymity said the girl fell into the gutter while running out of the way of a speeding commercial bus which splashed water as it moved.

Mr Ejike Okpara, who was also at the scene on Nike Road, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that another pupil was earlier saved by bystanders after she also fell into the gutter.

Okpara said the little girl from St Theresa Primary School, Abakpa, was the first to fall inside the gutter near her school around 7:30 am but was saved by passers-by.

The witness, however, said the second girl, a JSS 2 student of Modern Ideal College (MIC), was unlucky as she was drowned in the flood.

He said that efforts by youths in the area to rescue her failed as the flood overpowered

them and moved her into the nearby Ekulu River.

Members of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) who waded through the river to search for the girl could not recover her body.

One of them, Mr Ikechukwu Ani, said they searched through a distance of about five kilometres on the river bank but could not find her body.

The proprietor of the school, Mrs Florence Ani, expressed shock at the incident which she said

Ani said the school was doing everything possible to recover the body of the student identified as Onyinye Akabuko, just as her parents were also making efforts to find their daughter.

The Coordinator of the Enugu State Emergency Management Agency, Mr Joe Offor, did not pick his calls when NAN attempted to get his reaction.

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