

# Two drowned in Akwa Ibom

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TWO people were feared drowned yesterday at Etim Ekpo River in Akwa Ibom State when the wooden bridge across the river collapsed.

The bridge collapsed under the full weight of two trailers which belongs to a construction firm working on the Afaha Obong- Etim Ekpo- Ika- Iwukem road.

The trailers were still submerged under the river as at press time.

Workers at the site were battling to set up a make-shift bridge for the stranded.

Two drivers were said to have drowned.

An eye witness, Mr. Ime Sunday Umoh, said: "The two trailers were ferrying stone-based materials (chippings) to the other side of the bridge".

According to him, the two heavy duty trucks had climbed the ageing bridge at once, forcing it to collapse.

An official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the incident may stall work on the road.