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## Anxiety as flood sweeps pupil away

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A 10-year-old boy, simply identified as Ikenna, has been declared missing by his relatives. He was said to have been flushed into an open drainage at the popular Mile 1 Market, Port Harcourt, during a downpour in the Diobu axis of the city on Tuesday.

It was gathered that the drainage was opened for free flow of rain water. But the water overflowed the drainage, making it impossible for Ikenna to see the opening.

Mrs Chinyere Woke, a trader at the market, who witnessed the incident, said: "The boy was coming back from school with a lady believed to be his sister. He was trying to cross the drain and fell. Immediately, he was swept away by the flood.

"The lady was helpless; she couldn't run after him. Traders in the market made frantic efforts, which failed. The flood flushed him into the opening on the road."

Another trader, Mr. John Enyidah, said the Ikenna's family and the traders had intensified the search for him, adding: "Even after the flood, we couldn't find him."

The Nation was at the scene. Traders and passersby clustered around the opening in hopelessness.

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