

Flood sweeps away two children in Anambra community



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Two children lost their lives in recent flood incidents in Nkwele Awka, Awka South Local Government of [Anambra State](#).

The deceased between ages of four and seven were said to have been slept off by flood at separate locations.

While one of the children was swept away by the flood while disposing refuse along the flood plain, the other was washed away by the deluge in an attempt to rescue his slippers.

“The mother had sent the little girl on an errand to go and dispose of their waste when she was caught up by the flood.

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“She was pouring the waste inside the drainage when her leg suddenly slipped and she fell inside the drainage and was carried away by the heavy flood,” a resident of the area who identified herself as Ify narrated.

When contacted, Police Spokesperson, Tochukwu Ikenga, said the incident was not reported at the command.

He described the case as pure

environmental disaster, assuring the command’s continued collaboration with the government to improve safety in the state.

“This is a pure environmental disaster but we keep working with the government to make sure safety is improved,” he said.

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The disasters occurred weeks after the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) warned about looming flood in 19 states including Anambra.