

# How I lost 4 of my 6 children to Niger flood — Medical doctor

## Death toll rises to 13

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**A** medical doctor at the Suleja General Hospital, Dr (Mrs) Peace Igbomara, has narrated how she lost four of her six children to last Saturday's flood disaster in one of the affected communities in Niger State, just as the death toll in the disaster has risen to 13.

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Dr Igbomara spoke during the condolence visit to Unguwan Gwari in Suleja Local Government Area by the state governor, Abubakar Sani Bello, alongside the speaker of the House of Assembly, Honourable Abdulahi Wuse; the senator representing Niger East in the National Assembly, Senator Mohammed Sani Musa; and other government function-

aries.

The medical doctor informed the governor and those on his entourage that the younger wife to her husband, Mrs Patience Igbomara, also lost her life to the incident when their house was submerged by water after a nearby river overflowed its bank during a downpour that lasted for about four hours.

She disclosed that they were still searching for the bodies of her deceased children swept away by the flood since Saturday.

She said: "My four children, Wisdom (20), a 300-level student in the Department of Pharmaceutical Studies at the University of Benin; Desire (18), a first year undergraduate student at the University of Benin; my sec-

ond daughter, Dominion, an SS1 student at Immaculate Sacred Heart School here in Suleja and Destiny (11), who is my last daughter, were all swept away by the flood."

Mrs Igbomara, a consultant pediatrician, said she was yet to come to terms with the disaster that befell her family as a result of the downpour.

While speaking, the state governor, who said he mar-

velled by the way the bereaved mother was able to remain calm, added that "none of us can feel what you feel; we can only imagine what you are feeling. Our prayer is that God should grant you strength to hold on. It took a very strong woman to do what you have just done. You are calm and God will continue to make you, strong."

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