

Flood sweeps away 2 children in Lagos

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TWO children have been swept away in a flooded canal at Oyebanjo Street in Ketu area of Lagos State.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the incident occurred on Saturday evening.

The Lagos State Emergency Management Agency (LASEMA), in a situation report on Sunday, said a search operation was ongoing to find the missing children.

LASEMA's director-general and chief executive officer, Dr Olufemi Oke-Osanyintolu, noted that it was discovered that the children were missing around 8:00 p.m. on Saturday.

"The agency received distress calls concerning the development. On arrival at the scene of the incident, it was discovered that, around 8:00 p.m., two children had been caught up by floodwater.

"A joint team of responders, comprising agency responders, the Lagos State Fire Service and Lagos State Ambulance Service (LASAMBUS) was at the scene.

"The agency's tiger team commenced a search and rescue operation along the path of the floodwater.

"Initial observations revealed a sloping topography with a direct channel of drain water into the canal. This has proven to be rather challenging to navigate. Rescue operation remains ongoing," he said.

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