

Building collapse kills two students, injures many in Cross River

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ONE of the classroom blocks at Diamond Grammar College, Ikang, in Bakassi Local Government Area of Cross River State has collapsed, killing two students and leaving several others injured.

The tragedy occurred during the downpour on Friday afternoon (March 25), while students were sitting for an examination in the school.

An eyewitness explained

that two casualties had been recorded already, while several other victims were being evacuated to a medical facility.

The eyewitness said: "I saw at least two dead bodies and several injured students being moved out of the school immediately after the building collapsed. It was a very horrible sight on Friday; everywhere was in chaos as a result of the incident.

"The heavy rain compoun-

ded the problem as it made evacuation of the students involved in the building collapse quite difficult for rescuers."

Residents said the state government had not responded to their emergency calls on the incident as they had to resort to self-help.

"It is individual and community efforts that have been helping affected families to manage the situation since Friday when the build-

ing collapsed.

"We have not seen any tangible response from the government. Many of those injured are still in the hospital and need intensive treatment that costs a lot of money. Government should help the families as the burden is too much on them," a resident said.

As of the time of this report, the state government was yet to make an official statement on the incident.