

② Two children killed in Anambra flood

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TWO children, aged four and seven, were killed by flood following the rainfall at Nkwele Awka, in Awka South Local Government Area of Anambra State, at the weekend.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that while one of the children was swept away by the flood while dumping refuse inside the flood channel, the other was washed away while trying to retrieve his slippers.

A source said: "The mother had sent the girl on an errand to dispose their waste when she was caught up by the flood.

"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 flood."

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Tochukwu Ikenga, said the incident had not been reported at the command.

He however described the case as environmental disaster, assuring that the command would continue to collaborate with government to improve safety in the state.

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) had alerted Nigerians about looming flood disaster in 19 states, including Anambra State.