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## Seven-year-old girl dies in Kaduna flood

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Theresa James, seven-year-old girl died in a Friday morning flood, following a heavy downpour on the Anguwar Yelwa Community in the Chikun local government area of Kaduna State.

The flood also destroyed parts of the Anguwar Yelwa Sabo bridge cutting away some parts of the community from the metropolis.

Eyewitnesses said the flood which was as a result of two days heavy downpour, washed away houses and caused destruction of yet to be estimated amount of property in the area.

A resident of the area, Solomon Daye, 17, told newsmen that they were fast asleep when suddenly they discovered water was rushing into their home.

He said, "Before we could jump up the whole place was flooded and within a twinkle of an eye the water got to my shoulders.

"There was a neighbor of mine who went to a night vigil and left her four children at home.

"Three of the children slept on the bed while the other one slept on the floor and since they're little children and were unable to escape the flood.

"In the morning when the rain subsided, we discovered that the flood raised the three children who were on the bed while James who was sleeping on the floor died as she could not escape.

"When concerned residents arrived to rescue the children, they didn't even know there were four of them in the house, it was when the water subsided and they went to arrange the room that they found the body of the girl."

The Shepherd in-charge, Cherubim & Seraphim Church Movement, one of the buildings that collapsed, Rachel Olaoye, called on Kaduna State Government to come to their aid.

He said the area had witnessed a similar flood in the past and it was time the state government came to their aid.

He said, "In the evening yesterday around 1am when the rain started, we thought it was going to be a normal rainfall, but before we could do anything the gutters and our homes were filled with water and then we all climbed the ceiling both the elders and children. It's unfortunate we lost a child.

"This is what happened last year, which prompted me to go and seek for a loan of N670,000 to erect this concrete wall you're seeing today. This has helped to reduce the inflow of water into this area if part of the bridge did not collapse there wouldn't be any flood.

"It is because the bridge collapsed that was why this flood entered our homes. Because of this erosion problem three years ago I've been to the Kaduna State House of Assembly, Chikun Local Government Headquarters asking them to help us see what they can do concerning erosion but to no avail."

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