

# Newborn rescued from pit toilet dies, Soludo mourns

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The newborn who was rescued from a pit toilet in Anambra State three days after he was delivered has died.

The baby's mother identified as Nwaedoka Chidimma from Izzi in Ebonyi State, had on Sunday reportedly dumped him at the pit toilet immediately after his birth in Otuocho community, the Anambra East Local Government Area, where she had gone to carry out a farming job.

Nonye Soludo

The child was thereafter rescued from the pit toilet on Tuesday after residents heard him crying and they alerted security agents and the state Ministry of Women and Social Welfare.

Following the development, the child was rushed to the Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu Teaching Hospital, Amaku Awka, where he was given medical attention.

Chidinma Ikeanyionwu, the Media Assistant to the Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Welfare, Ify Obinabo, disclosed the news of the baby's death to journalists on Thursday.

Ikeanyionwu stated that the news of the baby's death was received late on Wednesday after treatment commenced at the hospital.

"All efforts to resuscitate the baby including administration of oxygen and fluids with cardiopulmonary resuscitation by the hospital proved abortive," she said.

The wife of the state governor, Nonye Soludo, who also reacted to the incident, described the action of the baby's mother as "inhumane and distraught", noting that as a mother, she felt the pains of having to deal with such news.

Her reaction was contained in a statement signed and made available to journalists in Awka, on Wednesday, by her media aide, Daniel Ezeigwe.

The governor's wife said she was praying for the full recovery of the baby and was looking forward to visiting him, adding that the news of his death shook her heart.