

# Flood sweeps away two sleeping residents in Anambra

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A mother of three children and one other person have been killed in a flood disaster that occurred at Ugwu Mkpume Layout, Achalla Agu community in the Nkpor Idemili North Local Government Area of Anambra State.

The victims were asleep when the flood burst into their apartments, swept them away, and they were later found dead in another location.

Our correspondent, who visited the area on Saturday, gathered that the flooding was caused by an 11-hour downpour that fell on Thursday till the early hours of Friday.

The Vice President of Ugwu Mkpume Achalla Agu Landlords' Association, Ifeanyi Oghota, said, "The damage is regrettable. We have not witnessed this type of flood in our community in 25 years. It is regrettable what the bad work of the construction company has caused us, and we appealed to the state government to come to our aid."

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One of the landlords in the area identified as Dr Alex, who spoke to *Sunday PUNCH*, said, "This is what we woke up to see on Friday morning. The floods caused by the heavy rains on Thursday broke into our houses and damaged property and farmlands. I am a pig farmer, it swept away my pigs.

"The bodies of the three children were also found somewhere else in another location. Fortunately, they were still alive as of the time they were found and they were quickly rushed to the emergency unit of the Royal Hospital, Nkpor, where they are recovering."

When contacted on the development, the Public Relations Officer of the State Emergency Management Agency, Chinyere Nwoye, said, "I just heard about the information, we are making contact to reach out to the Commissioner for Works and our men will be mobilised to move to the area to ascertain the situation."