

**The flood disaster ravaging parts of Anambra State has further claimed the life of a nine-year-old girl, Benedict Uzo, in Amiyi, Ogbaru Council.**

Chairman of Ogbaru Local Government Area, Arinze Awogu, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), yesterday, that the girl drowned while fetching water with a bucket.

He said Benedict's 11-year-old elder sister, who tried to rescue her almost lost her life too, but, was quickly rescued by neighbours.

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“The flood situation in Ogbaru Local Government Area of Anambra State has continued to take a turn for the worst and Ogbaru has lost two persons since it started.

“The latest casualty is a nine-year-old Miss Uzo Benedict, a primary 3 pupil of Light International School, Okoti.

“The father of the victim, Izuchukwu Uzo, told me that his daughter was swept away by the flood when she attempted to fetch water with her bucket.”

He said the Council should set up a proactive response team to effectively handle emergencies.

The chairman urged people in flood-prone areas to vacate their homes and move to safer areas or the Internally Displaced Persons camps.

“We need better equipped hospital to enable us manage this emergency.

“It is a sad moment for us, we assure the family of our solidarity and support in this time of grief; I promise to inform Governor Willie Obiano about the loss.”