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Family loses three kids in Ebonyi building collapse

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Three kids at the weekend died when a dilapidated building collapsed at Akaeze in Ivo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

The children were identified as Mmesoma (11), Onyinyechi (five) and John (three). Their father has been identified as Okereke. The incident occurred on Friday night.

It was learnt that before the incident, Okereke's wife, Elizabeth, had expressed fear over the physical condition of the house, a thatched building, and pleaded with her husband to relocate the family immediately.

"But the family could not afford the money to make alternative arrangements for relocation as a result of hardship," a source said.

The victims, who were removed from the building by neighbours, have been buried while their mother and her only surviving son were still receiving treatment at an undisclosed hospital at press time.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Loveth Odah, said the matter was not reported to her office.

She said: "I called the DPO of Akaeze Development Centre and he said he would text me the details but he has not. I am still waiting for his text."

But the Coordinator of Akaeze Development Centre, Onyebuchi Ogbadu, confirmed the incident.

He said: "When I received the information, I rushed to the place and saw that three kids were dead instantly while the surviving mother and one of the children were rushed to the hospital. It was very critical. The incident happened on Friday night."



A collapsed building