

## Mother of 3, one other, killed as flood ravages Anambra community

A mother of three and one other person was lost to flooding at the Ugwu Mkpume Layout, Achalla Agu Community in Nkpor, Idemili North Local Government Area of Anambra State.

The victims were said to be asleep when the flood occurred and swept into their various apartments.

The victims were swept away and were later found dead in another locations.

It was gathered that the flooding was caused by the over 11-hour rain that fell on Thursday till the early hours of Friday.

Many buildings in the area were submerged while properties and farmlands worth millions of naira were destroyed.

It was also gathered that the flood covered the whole area while some families living on the first floors of some storey-buildings were trapped as the flood submerged their houses.

Vice President, Ugwu Mkpume Achalla Agu Landlords' Association, Ifeanyi Oghota, described the incident as unfortunate.

He lamented that the good intentions of the state government in constructing roads, has "turned to sorrow due to wrong channeling of the flood" by the construction company that handled the road project at the Inland.

Also reacting, Mr Chuka Obi, one of the landlords in the area 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 properties and farmlands. I am a pig farmer, it swept away my pigs.

"The floods pulled down many fences and walls. It also broke into a building where a family of five were living. The flood entered their apartment while they were asleep, and carried the mother

and her three children away, their father managed to escape it. It was in the morning that residents saw the lifeless body of the woman.

"The 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 at the Royal Hospital, Nkpor, where they are recovering.

"A lifeless body of another yet-to-be-identified man was also found in the flood. He must have also been swept away from his compound to that place. The losses as a result of the flood are very devastating and heartbroken. Houses were submerged and properties were destroyed. We have never experienced this type in the last 25 years.

"It is caused by the construction firm that channeled floods coming from Ogidi, Umunachi, Eke Nkpor and Obosi to the layout that has no drainage system that can accommodate such heavy flood instead of channeling it to the River Niger."

## Man, 55, drowns i

A 55-year-old man, Sulaim Potiskum, has drowned after swimming in a river in Hadejia Local Government Area of Jigawa State.

The Spokesperson, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Jigawa Command, Mr Badaruddeen Tijjani, who confirmed the incident in a statement yesterday in Dutse, said the incident occurred on Saturday at about 9:45 a.m., when the deceased went swimming in the river.

He said, "One Sulaiman Potiskum, aged 55, lost his life in a river located at Gada, Bakin Kogi area of Hadejia."