

## Bayelsa community battles flood

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Amassoma community like many other Ijaw settlements along the bank of the tributaries of River Niger such as Amamagbene, Amalka-Zion, Obriegbene, Oboloseria, Lalagbene, Kusi, Angalaweigbene1&2, Futorogbene1&2, Bolougbene, Ekeremor, Peeretorugbene, Tamogbene, Isampou, Aleibiri and Amabolu among others has been submerged by flood.

No fewer than hundred buildings among them churches have been submerged at Amassoma alone thereby forcing the natives to construct wooden bridges to reach their homes.

Also, the erected steel of the abandoned shore protection project along the Amassoma river bank was completely submerged by the flood.

This reporter who visited the riverine settlement also hosting the state government owned Niger Delta University observed that the flood is caused by the over flowing river from the two extremes of the community and water from the forest.

But a first time visitor to the university town by road would have thought that the flood is part of the permanent feature of the landmass given its greenish colour which blended with the natural environment for the wooden bridges crisscrossing the community.

It was also observed at one of the low extremes of the community where the river water is coming from sand bags were laid around the buildings to prevent the impact of the surging river from eroding the houses.

man of Obriegbene community in Ekeremor council area, Mr. Binama Wukwa has pleaded with the state government to come to their rescue by providing relief materials, including food items, water and drugs lamenting that one person lost his life in the community.