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## 10-yr-old boy missing in flooded drainage

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PORT HARCOURT — WORRIED relatives and sympathisers are yet to find the body of a 10-year-old school pupil who fell into flooded drains at Mile 1, Port Harcourt following torrential rains in the Rivers State capital city, Tuesday.

The victim simply identified as Ikenna was returning from school in company of his elder sister when he fell into an opened drainage manhole at the Mile Market axis of the Ikwerre Road which was flood covered for several hours.

It was gathered that the manhole in the middle of the road was opened during the heavy down pour to aid the flow of the flood water, but the water overtook the road making it impossible for pedestrians to see the danger it constituted.

Chinyere Woke, Mile 1 Market trader who witnessed the incident said: “The boy was with a young lady identified as his cousin. While attempting to cross the flooded road, the boy fell inside the manhole.

“The sister was helpless, but other traders in the market made frantic efforts to rescue him but to no avail. From the opening in the middle of the road, the rushing water may have washed him deep into the drains.”

John Enyidah who joined in the search party said “We have been searching for the boy even after the flood but we could not find him. However we will continue to search if we can locate him.”

At the scene yesterday morning traders and passerby were seen looking through the spot where the victim was flushed in by flood still hoping to find unfortunate boy.

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