

Don't play politics with our plight

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of the people of Ahoada West," he said.

Hit by different diseases

The residents said various diseases were ravaging them because of the flood.

One of them, Mrs. Patricia Bakosi, said, "What is so important to us now is how we can have treatment. I have slimmed down and now darker in complexion because we have been exposed to several things."

"Everybody in my house is infected with scratching on the leg because of the bad water that we are dipping our legs into everyday. There are no drugs and no money to go to the hospital, even chemist for treatment.

They refused to include my name—Bakosi

"When I came to see my house last week, we heard that some people came to write names of people that were affected by the flood. When I got there, they said the list is full, so they refused to accept me," she said.

"I do not know what to do now, I am confused seriously. However, what I think I need now most is my health. I need



Submerged residence in Oruama community

treatment, if the government can bring drugs for us to take care of ourselves, it will be better," she added.

What the state govt told us

An elder in Akinima community, Mr. Clever Diri, said, "The government has always disappointed us. When they come, they promise us heaven and earth, but when they go back, you will not see anything."

"They came here, saw everything and promised that they will build a camp for us but till today, we have not seen anything. We are just battling

with thy flood all alone. They do not comply with their promise.

"They will come and ask us as if they care, but in the end, they do not do anything. What I do not know is if whether the government does something, but it does not get to us," he said.

Diri asserted, "The camp they said they have prepared for us I have not seen it. For two weeks now, I have not come to my house because of the flood; I have been squatting in a friend's house with my family."

Enyi, Odu Egoana Emohua, said hoodlums had turned the uncompleted school to their safe haven.

He disclosed that the criminals terrorizing the area operated from the school.

Enyi said that the people of Emohua were not happy with the state of the modern school, which the immediate past Governor, Chibuike Amaechi started and corroborated the claim that it has aided crime and criminality in the area.

He recalled that recently, criminals murdered a villager, Mr. Progress Onuekwa, a soldier, police officer and others on the road and security agencies fingered Emohua communities over the deaths.

Enyi said the communities were not happy that people drag their names in the mud each time there was criminality on the Emohua-Kalabari road, pointing out that people from anywhere in the world could hide in that school and commit crime.

"The immediate completion of that school will help to reduce the rate of criminality on that lonely road. If that place is properly completed we know that it will go a long way to curtail the criminal activities there," he asserted.

We're ready to partner security agencies

The community leader said, "Emohua has the mandate of His Royal Majesty, Eze Vincent Okor and the Emohua Council

if there is anything the government will ask Emohua to do to secure that road, please we will do it.

"I call on the security agencies to come to Emohua and tell us how they want us to cooperate with them towards the protect of Emohua-Kalabari highway so that the environs of Ogbakiri can be safe," he further asserted.

His words, "We are here to do whatever they will ask us to do in order to have safety in Emohua."

Inaugurate vigilance group

He advocated for the establishment of a local government vigilante group that will be empowered by the local government to work with the police to combat crime in the area.

"The key point is that what the embattled chairman of the local government area, Lucky Worlu of APC did was commendable, so we call on the state government to constitute local government vigilante.

"Worlu started local vigilante at the local government area and this initiative brought calm in the area before he was removed.

"We encourage the local government and the police to intensify their efforts. We are ready to encourage anybody with ideas that will help in the serenity of Emohua because the level of crime in the state is alarming," he added