

Flood kills 8 persons, five bodies still missing, destroys farmlands in Ebonyi

By Jeff Agbodo

BAKALIKI—A devastating flood has killed eight persons at Enohia Itim community in Afikpo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State.

It was gathered that of the eight people killed by the flood, three were still missing, while the ravaging flood destroyed 800 farmlands following the continued rainfalls that have lasted for some days.

The Public Relations Officer of the Council area, Mr. Sunday Nkama, who confirmed the incident, said that the tragic flood incident that occurred at a plantain plantation in Enohia Itim, Afikpo, claimed eight lives and affected over 800 people whose farmlands were destroyed.

Nkama disclosed that out of the eight people who lost their lives to the flood, three bodies have been recovered, while five are still missing, confirming that three chil-

dren were among those who lost their lives. He said that the incident, which occurred at the weekend, resulted from severe rainfall that led to a flood disaster, causing widespread destruction.

The councillor representing the people of Itim Ward in Afikpo Legislative Council, Hon Francis Abani Okpani, disclosed that out of the eight people who lost their lives to the flood, three bodies have been recovered, while five are still missing, and that three

children were part of those who lost their lives.

The Chairman of Afikpo LGA, Chief Timothy Nwachi, who expressed sadness over the incident, extended condolences to the families who lost their loved ones. He assured of government support and pledged to collaborate with relevant state and federal agencies to provide humanitarian assistance and timely relief to those affected.

Nwachi said that the Federal Ministry of Environment had identified Afikpo as one of the areas in Nigeria likely to experience flooding. The council chairman implored the people of Afikpo to incorporate climate change projections into flood risk management plans.

He also urged them to ensure that their drainage systems are flowing and to keep their drains and waterways clear of debris to prevent blockages.

Ekweremadu: Father of David Nwamini, boy involved in UK kidney transplant, dies

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BAKALIKI—The father of David Ukpo Nwamini, the boy at the centre of the alleged illegal kidney transplant saga involving former Deputy President of

Nigerian doctor Obinna Obeta, 51 – described by prosecutors as a middleman – was jailed for 10 years, the CPS said. All three were convicted in March 2023 for conspiring to arrange the travel of a man to harvest his organs.

He said the father had battled with the disappointment of not seeing his son for years.

Boniface further claimed that the family has not spoken with David since the incident happened in 2022.

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