# Anambra floods deepen crisis with record poultry losses and clogged drainage



A recent deluge in Anambra State has wreaked havoc, particularly in the commercial hub near Ochanja Market, where significant flooding has severely disrupted trade and daily life. On Tuesday, torrential rains resulted in blocked drainage systems, overwhelming the area surrounding Zik Avenue and Iweka Road. As a consequence, many traders found themselves shunned by rising water levels, suffering substantial property damage and financial losses. Local markets, vital to the region's economy, have ground to a halt due to the inundation, and people have been urged to remain indoors to avoid the dangers of being swept away.

Residents have reported harrowing scenes of desperation, with videos circulating online depicting individuals valiantly attempting to rescue their belongings from the relentless floodwaters. One tricycle operator was shown struggling to save his vehicle as it was swept downstream. Uchenna, a local resident, highlighted the perilous nature of the area’s geography, noting, “Whenever it is raining, people are advised to steer clear of the road to avoid being swept away.” He expressed concern over predictions from the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMET) which warn of more severe flooding to come, suggesting that authorities should act decisively before further catastrophe strikes.

The devastation extends beyond commercial losses. Reports indicate that nearby Matuuci Farms Ltd. in Ogbaru council area experienced a monumental loss of over 25,000 poultry birds due to flooding, subsequently ceasing operations and displacing around 400 workers. The proprietorship has reported significant infrastructure damage, including the collapse of nearby bridges on key access routes like the Onitsha-Ndoni road. Patrick Sule-Ugboma, the farm's owner, emphasised the catastrophic financial implications, urging both state and federal authorities to step in and provide much-needed support.

The flooding crisis has sparked widespread concern across numerous communities within Anambra. Farmers from approximately 50 localities—including notable regions such as Anambra East and Ogbaru—have voiced their anxiety about impending floods expected to threaten their homes and crops. The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has raised warnings similar to last year's disaster, urging farmers to harvest promptly to mitigate potential losses.

In light of the escalating situation, humanitarian organisations like UNICEF have commenced relief efforts aimed at assisting those affected by the floods. Their interventions focus on health services, water sanitation, and child protection, providing a vital lifeline for families facing dislocation and desperation. As the situation develops, local communities continue to call for urgent government action to remediate inadequate drainage facilities and improve emergency preparedness, highlighting a pressing need for infrastructural upgrades to safeguard against future flooding.

The collective anguish and economic turmoil sparked by this disaster underscore a critical juncture for Anambra State as it grapples with the dual challenges of climate change and urban planning. Without immediate and sustained intervention, the risk of escalating disasters looms large for the region, threatening livelihoods and lives alike.

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3. <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2023/08/flood-destroys-goods-property-in-anambra-community/> - The Agbobo Umuoga Ossomala community in Ogbaru Local Government Area of Anambra State has suffered substantial economic losses due to a severe flood. Properties, including farm crops and poultry farms worth several million naira, were destroyed. Matucci Farms in the community lost 25,000 birds, leading to the unemployment of about 400 workers. The community has appealed to both the Federal and Anambra State Governments for assistance and infrastructure development to mitigate future flooding. ([vanguardngr.com](https://www.vanguardngr.com/2023/08/flood-destroys-goods-property-in-anambra-community/?utm_source=openai))
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