

Storm kills children in Isingiro district

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Residents of Nyakitunda sub-county in Isingiro South went through a stern test on Sunday evening when heavy rains hit their area killing two children and causing losses in millions of shillings.

Deus Mutambuka, the sub-county chairman, said the rain started late evening and lasted over four hours.

The deceased were identified as Isaac Akampurira, 9, and Lamech Nyesiga, 6, sons of John Muhwezi, a resident of Rwanyinamungure village, Bugongi parish in Nyakitunda sub-county. The heavy rain, accompanied by strong winds, found the two children sleeping in a house.

"It was around 6:30pm when the

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rain started. My wife was in the house with the children. She struggled to save them, but was overpowered by running water which washed away everything," Muhwezi said.

Nyongozi Alex added: "All our gardens have been destroyed and

our animals died. We appeal to the Government to come to our rescue."

Isingiro district has been experiencing incessant downpours since the beginning of this month.

Last week, a heavy storm hit Nyamuyanja and Birere sub-counties in Isingiro North and destroyed Kishuro Bridge that connects the two sub-counties. It left 17 animals dead and several gardens destroyed.

Elly Twinamasiko, a councillor representing Nyakitunga sub-county at the district, attributed the calamity to people's failure to plant trees on bare hills and urged the Government to supply tree seedlings to all farmers under the Operation Wealth Creation programme during rainy season. Other affected villages were Omukanara, Nyakitunda, Omwighwamha and Rusizi.