

MORE THAN 100 FAMILIES AFFECTED, RESIDENTS SEEK INTERVENTION

IGANGA

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More than 100 families in five villages in Nakigo sub-county, Iganga district, have been displaced, several people injured, and crops destroyed following a heavy rainstorm that swept through the area.

The storm, which struck in the evening, also damaged a building at Nawanzu Health Centre II, the main health facility serving the sub-county.

The affected villages include Nawanzu, Bukwaya, Kabira, and Bubago, as well as neighbouring communities in Buwaya sub-county in Mayuge district.

Among the victims is Hanifer Nabirye, 50, a resident of Bubago village, whose house was destroyed. She and her three grandchildren sustained injuries and were rushed to Iganga Hospital for treatment after being struck by debris from their collapsing house.

Nabirye said strong winds blew off the roof before parts of the structure fell on them.

"I sustained injuries on my head, stomach, and legs, while my grandchildren were also injured. We are receiving

Iganga villages hit by storm, several injured

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Tenywa with children stranded following a rainstorm that swept through villages in Nakigo sub-county, Iganga district

treatment, but I have lost my home and all household property," she said.

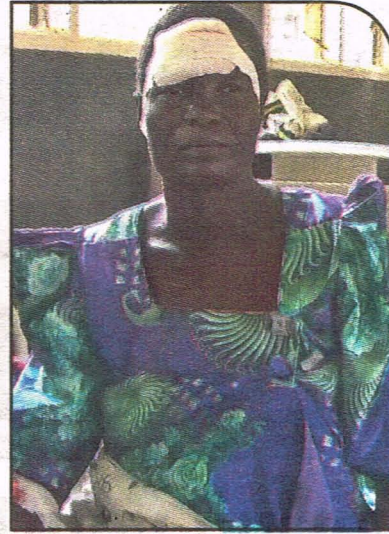
Nabirye appealed to the

Government and well-wishers to support her family in rebuilding their house, saying she lacks the financial

means to recover from the disaster. Another victim, Faziri Tenywa, said his family has nowhere to sleep after their

house was destroyed by the storm.

Other affected residents include Prossy Naigwe, a



Hanifer Nabirye, 50, a resident of Bubago village, whose house was destroyed and also sustained injuries following a storm that swept through villages in Nakigo sub-county, Iganga district

mother of eight, and Jamaina Mapeesa, a widow caring for seven children, both from Nawanzu village. Others include Wilson Mweweyo, Mawazi Kivayo, and Sofia Nampeera.

The storm also destroyed several acres of crops, including maize, matooke, rice and potatoes, raising fears of food shortages in the affected communities.

The Kabira parish councillor, who also serves as sub-county chairperson, said local leaders are assessing the damage but confirmed that more than 100 families were affected.

"We are monitoring the situation, but the damage is extensive. We appeal to the Government, especially the Ministry of Disaster Preparedness, to support these families with relief assistance, including food and materials for rebuilding their homes," he said.

Nakigo sub-county chairperson Ayub Bassenga urged district authorities to formally notify the Office of the Prime Minister for urgent intervention, noting that most of the victims are vulnerable households.

He also called for the swift rehabilitation of the damaged structure at Nawanzu Health Centre II to prevent disruptions in health service delivery.