

Consequences Experts blame the floods and the pain and destruction they have visited on Nairobi City residents

Flooding crisis: Grandmother recounts

The more it rained, the higher the water rose. From the ankle, to the knee, to the waist, climbing on a table did not help

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As football enthusiasts watched Arsenal unleash a torrent of goals against Chelsea on the night of April 23, a cloudburst descended on Nairobi, wreaking havoc on the poorly drained roads, flooding homes and sweeping away dozens of residents who live by river banks.

Caught in the unforgiving deluge was a grandmother who had travelled from Homa Bay County to stay at her daughter's house as she sought medical treatment in the capital.

The horror that Salome Anyango encountered that night as she fought to save her life and those of her daughter, Jacinta Adhiambo, her grandchildren and a

friendly neighbour she had just met left permanent physical and emotional scars.

So heavy was the downpour that the characteristic night sounds were silenced by the rain's pitter-patter. With every drop of rain on the roofs of their corrugated iron sheet shacks, water kept rising, resulting in flooding that caught many families in Mathare slums by surprise.

Some rivers within the city and dams in the outskirts soaked so much rainwater that night that they ended up vomiting overflows that snaked their way to houses built in low-lying areas.

That night, Ms Anyango was with her daughter in her house in Mathare Area 4, together with her two grandchildren, Austin Ochieng' and Jillvin Sherry.

The Mathare river, one of the tributaries that form part of the Nairobi river basin, had always meandered by her daughter's house, but never in her wildest imagination did she think that it would one day break its banks and become a merchant of death.

"The rain started pouring a few minutes after we went to bed. It was at around 11pm when we



Salome Anyango with her surviving daughter Irene Akoth during the interview in Mathare 4A yesterday. FRANCIS NDERITU | NATION

first saw water flowing into the house. None of us could sleep, so we sat on the bed. As the water kept rising, we decided to seek shelter in our neighbour's house, which was on slightly higher

ground," Ms Anyango says.

The neighbour had two beds, she sat on one bed with her children while Ms Anyango, her daughter and grandchildren sat on the other. To their surprise,

water kept rising.

"The more it rained, the higher the water rose. From the ankle, to the knee, to the waist. One of my grandchildren was so panicked that she asked me to take a table and put it on top of the bed so that we could all be safe," she recounts. Even after they climbed on top of the table, the water kept swelling around them.

Ms Anyango started screaming with the hope that people would come to their rescue. It was in vain. She added prayers to her screaming.

She remembers seeing her neighbour taking her youngest child and carefully tying her on her back to keep her from the water.

As they rummaged around the semi-permanent house that was now flooded, a crack at a corner gave way to pressure and caved in. The other parts of the house soon followed, and that was the last time Ms Anyango saw the seven other people she was with in the house that night.

"Everything fell apart in that house. I saw trees falling down from outside. Stones that put the house together crumbled. The

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RESIDENTIAL AREAS

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Interested eligible tenderers may obtain further information from the **Senate Procurement Office on 2nd Floor, Protection House, Parliament road, Nairobi** or email through senateprocurement@parliament.go.ke and clerk.senate@parliament.go.ke. Complete set of the tender document may be downloaded free of charge from the **Commission's Website; www.parliament.go.ke** or Public Procurement Information Portal; www.tenders.go.ke

Duly completed tender documents, one original set and another copy set, each to be enclosed in plain sealed separate envelopes, marked with the tender number, and tender name. These then should be slotted into the tender box situated at the **2nd Floor, Protection House, at the junction of Parliament Road and Haile Selassie Avenue, Nairobi** or be addressed to

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P. O. Box 41842 - 00100
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